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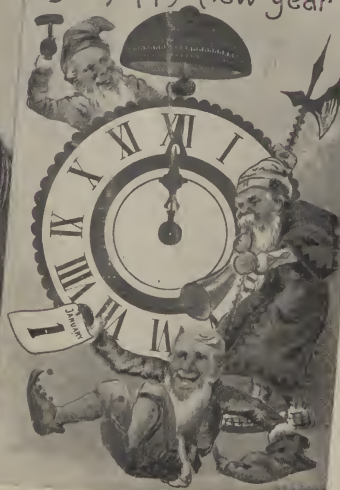
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## Recast Mechanical Banks

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The number of recast mechanical banks has increased over a period of years, and particularly so in the last year or two. This is not an alarming situation, however, it is best to recognize it for what it is. No true collector wants recast banks in his collection and no legitimate dealer cares to sell them.

First, it is well to recognize the fact that some mechanical banks were being recast 15 to 20 years ago. These included the Jolly Nigger, Paddy and the Pig, Gem, and a number of others. These banks were recognizable as recasts at the time and they can still be recognized as such today. This also applies to recast banks that are being reproduced at the present time.

The terminology "recast" refers, of course, to a reproduction of a mechanical bank. A recast is one that is made by recasting all the parts from an original bank and then assembling the recast parts to make a reproduced bank. These recast banks have no value to the collector of mechanical banks and have no place in a collection of authentic originals. Unfortunately the recasts that are circulated around are being represented as old banks, unknowingly or not. No legitimate antique dealer or collector wants to have anything to do with recast banks, therefore, a certain amount of experience, caution, knowledge, helpful hints, and a list of the recast banks will be of help to both dealer and collector.

Experience, of course, can only be gained through actual experience itself. Familiarity with the banks, handling them, examining them carefully, and studying various characteristics leads to knowledge and experience. It's to be admitted that many dealers who occasionally get a mechanical bank don't have the necessary time to devote to making a study of mechanical banks. However, they can certainly protect themselves from handling recast mechan-

ical banks by being certain of the source from which they obtain a bank. The new or inexperienced collector can do the same thing, be sure as far as possible of the source of the bank he is buying.

As to helpful hints, there are a number of these. For one thing recast banks do not fit together too well. The parts are slightly larger since they are cast from the bank itself not the original pattern. Sometimes a bank is recast and then half the original bank is assembled with half the recast parts. This is just another trick employed to make two banks from one and therefore supposedly more difficult to distinguish as reproductions.

Paint is another identifying feature. A number of the banks being recast today are painted with flat paints to give a dull finish in an effort to have them appear old. This can be identified as such. Some of the recasts are intentionally rusted and dirtied up to give an appearance of age. This also can be recognized as such.

It's well to remember too that in most cases of recast banks the finish of the cast iron itself is quite rough and heavy looking and this is not true of the old banks themselves. Most of the mechanical banks have very smooth castings both inside and out and are not inclined to be pebbly or rough.

Another point is to be extra cautious if a bank is represented as being repainted. Old paint and natural wear is a definite clue to an original authentic bank.

Following is a list of banks that are known to have been recast. Unfortunately there are a few of the rarer banks in the list. These have appeared more or less recently.

Bear And Tree Stump  
Bear Standing  
Bill E. Grin  
Bird On Roof  
Bismark Pig  
Boy and Bull Dog

Bucking Mule  
Bull Dog Standing  
Butting Goat  
Circus Ticket Collector  
Elephant Locked Howdah  
Gem Bank  
Hindu  
Jolly Nigger (All types)  
Jonah and the Whale  
Jumbo  
Mamma Katzenjammer  
Paddy and the Pig  
Peg-Leg Beggar  
Tabby Bank  
Uncle Sam Bust  
U.S. and Spain

To conclude, remember that many of the recasts are very poorly made and painted. As example, the Bill E. Grin as originally made and painted was entirely white with black and red markings. The recast is painted entirely different than this and in various different colors. The recast of the Hindu is a very rough poorly painted job and only a sad replica of the original. The Bismark Pig, of which only a few original authentic specimens exist, was recast some years ago. These recasts aren't even the same as the original. They operate differently and the tails are not alike. The fake Tricky Pig was also made from these recasts.

To repeat, no true collector or legitimate antique dealer has any desire to have or handle recast mechanical banks and it is with this thought in mind that the above information is passed along.

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# NUMISMATICS

## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

For many years the Canadian series of coins have been grossly neglected by coin collectors and only in the last few have the most aggressive collectors and dealers begun to realize that there were a great many sleepers in the Canadian series. Even up until a year ago extremely fine Canadian large cents and many other denominations even as early as 1859 were frequently found in lots offered as Foreign Exchange.

Today there are still many Canadian coins laying in hiding in very choice condition that are worth good premiums. I would strongly urge collectors to scrutinize closely all Canadian coins in fine or better condition prior to the most current coins. Large cents board have steadily risen in circulation in Canada and with the introduction of Whitman's Canadian large cents board have steadily risen in value and demand. Next to follow will be the small silver five cent pieces, that have been superseded by the nickels.

Outstandingly rare pieces are, of course difficult to find, but even with these the chances of finding a very rare Canadian piece is far better than finding a very rare United States coin, for less people know about them.

The Canadian silver dollar series does not have much to offer in great rarities even though the 1938 and the 1947 varieties with pointed seven are scarce. The half dollar series offers a goodly amount of valuable pieces. Outstanding among these are the 1890 "H" half cataloguing from \$15 to \$50. The 1894 cataloguing at from \$12 to \$40. The extremely rare 1921 valued at from \$200 to \$600 and recently reported as having brought \$1200 in very fine condition. The 1947 half with maple leaf and curved seven also should be mentioned as a future value getter already listing at from \$15 to \$30.

In the quarter series, while the well known 1936 with the dot lists from \$3 to \$35 one should also keep an eye open on the 1927, 1915 and nearly all dated prior to 1899.

Outstanding is the 1875 with "H" listing from \$35 to \$75.

In dimes, the outstanding dates are the 1875 "H" 1884; 1889 all ranging from \$18 to \$110 in catalog valuations. More recent, 1918 with broad leaves lists from \$6 to \$18.

The silver five cents greatest rarity is the last year of issue 1921 with a valuation of from \$50 to \$125. One should also watch for the

1875 H and 1884. Small cents have a celebrated rarity in the 1936 with dot of which only eight are known, and outstanding in the large cent series is the rare 1891 cents with small dates.

There are many more that I probably should have mentioned in the regular series but the thing to do is watch all and keep an eye open for condition, for there lies the secret of value. The values I have given are catalogue ones, and of course any lucky finder should not expect to receive this price, these values are purely as a guide to rarity and coins are usually sold at varying percentages under them.

Canadian gold, five and ten dollar pieces were only struck for three years and these are becoming increasingly rare. The real rare ones in the gold series are the English type Sovereigns that look like an English coin but really were struck at Ottawa mint. They can be identified by their mint mark "C" and are really Canadian gold sovereigns. These catalogue at from \$45 to \$110 today, and only difference being the mint mark C for Canada!

Canada has struck very few proof coins and unlike the United States does not issue proof sets each year. During 1870 proofs were struck of all denominations with the exception of the cent. In 1908 and 1911 1,000 proof sets were struck and sold in cases each year. The denominations were 50c, 25c, 10c, 5c, and 1c. 125c proof sets were also issued in 1937.

Another celebrated rarity in the Canadian series is the dot coinage of 1936. What occurred to the over production of the coins of 1921, was reversed here. A sudden shortage of cents, dimes and quarters became so acute the early part of 1937, and as the new 1937 dies were not as yet ready, it was decided to continue the coinage of these three denominations with the dates 1936 and punch upon the dies a small dot for identification. All of these emergency pieces were placed into circulation and of the three the quarter can easily be picked up being plentiful, but it seems well nigh impossible to find any of the cents or dimes. It is thought that the small dots on the cents' and dimes' dies soon became clogged in coining, and filled up so that they were not identifiable. Hence their great rarity.

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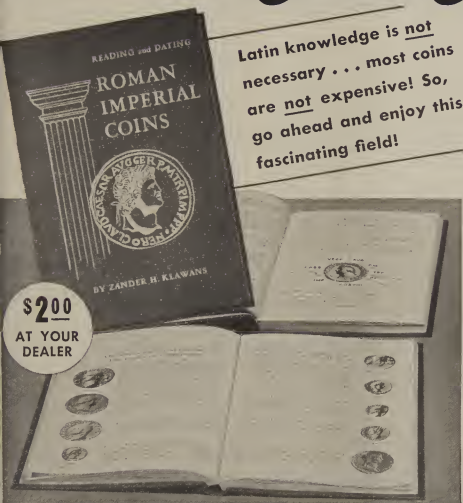
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# QUIZ CORNER

By CHARLES FRENCH

**Coin questions answered gratis. If you wish reply by mail, enclose 10c to defray costs. Do not mail us coins in question, please.**

## Question:

From my amateurish pencil rubbings enclosed, can you please identify and evaluate the coins by number?

Also I would like to know the present value of the 1901-S half dollar. I do not see the silver Canadian 10 cent piece very often. Is this common? I have one acquired accidentally dated 1914. Is the silver Canadian five cent piece common? I have one dated 1944? I also have a Russian silver piece dated 1914 with a crown on the reverse and \*15K. I take it to be kopeks. Are you familiar with this coin? I have not seen it listed in any catalogs.

—Mrs. N. L. K., Tennessee

## ANSWER:

The 1901 S half is scarce but its valuation depends upon its condition. The other foreign coins you list are all very common. I enclose your lists with information you wish.

—C. F., New York

## QUESTION:

I would appreciate your giving me the approximate values of the following. Medal honoring Friedrich Wilhelm IV with dates 1848 and 1849

on medal very good; Canadian nickel 1874, fair; German 10 pfennig 1890, very good; German pfennig 1876, good; Italy 10 centesimi 1862, very good; Hungary 20 filler 1893, fine; Romania 1 banu 1867, very good; Austria value 20 1868, good; Austria value 1 1855 fine. I would also appreciate the identity of the following coin written on front Brodrafalkens Val, reverse 2 ore 1877.

—C. W. R.

## ANSWER:

The coins you have are not of very great value. Such minor foreign coins usually sell for from 1c to 5c each. The 1877 coin is of Norway.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Here is a rubbing of a memento to Lincoln that I found. I do not know what kind of metal it is but it looks like gold. I would appreciate your advice as to what it is. No one seems to be able to tell me what it is.

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—C. F., New York

## Question:

I would appreciate information as to the value of the following coins: Gold: 1843, \$2.50; 1849, 1851, 1854 one dollar pieces. All are in fine condition. Also these silver pieces: 1876 \$1 lady holding leaf; 1860 dime marked one dime enclosed in wreath; 1841 crown and wreath with a Victoria head on back; 1800 Crown with Victoria head on back.

—J. M., Canada

## ANSWER:

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## BACK NUMBER MAGAZINES

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tion had become the charnel house of all decency, Gales with Fox and other liberals applauded it. About this period Gales employed a Richard Davidson, who was associated with a revolutionary movement in Britain. The government suspected that Davidson was but a tool of Gales. A warrant for Gales' arrest was issued. He was away from home at the time and rather than chance proving his innocence he fled to Amsterdam and then to Hamburg where his family joined him. The imprisonment and trial would have ruined him even if acquitted so he decided to go to America. Montgomery settled the affairs of Gales in England and continued the paper as the "Sheffield Iris."

While delayed at Hamburg because of Mrs. Gales' health, the elder Gales learned German and the art of shorthand. Arriving in Philadelphia his found employment as a printer. His employer, Claypole, had him report on Congress which then sat in Philadelphia. The report of the actual speeches, which Gales set down in short-hand, became a nine days wonder and soon after Gales purchased an established newspaper "The Independent Gazetteer." This he conducted with success until 1799. He had made many friends in the Capitol which was then preparing to move to Washington. Nathaniel Macon persuaded Gales to go to Raleigh, North Carolina, the new capital of that state, where Gales established the "Register" and spent the remainder of his life except for the last few years in Washington after his retirement. His third son Weston took over the "Register." His daughter Sarah's husband, who had assisted him on the "Register," William Winston Seaton, went to Washington to assist Joseph the Younger on the "Intelligencer." Joseph the elder died at Raleigh in April, 1841 at the age of 80.

The younger Gales came to Raleigh at the age of 13 and attended school there and was interested in amateur theatricals. Then his brother-in-law Seaton came on the scene. The "Register" plant was partly destroyed by fire and young Joseph who had learned the printer's trade went to Warrenton to work with Richard Davidson, the old revolutionary, now an editor at that place, who atoned for his past mischief by helping Gales get out his work while the Raleigh plant was being rebuilt. Young Gales also studied stenography. He went to Philadelphia where he worked for Birch and Small and then his father arranged with Smith to have young Joseph report for the "Intelligencer."

The story of both the younger Gales and Seaton is that of their newspaper which was the diary of the nation from 1800 to 1870. In 1813 Joseph Gales married the daughter of Theodorick Lee, younger brother of "Light Horse" Harry Lee. The younger Gales died in Washington June 21, 1860.

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## Hindu Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The Hindu Bank, No. 35 in our numerical classification, brings us to another group of mechanical banks. This group is the head or bust type of mechanical bank and the Hindu is the first of its type to be written up in the articles.

The bust group is quite interesting and very different than the other mechanical banks. In this group are the Jolly Nigger, Bill E. Grin, Humpty Dumpty, Uncle Tom, and a number of the English banks including Aunt Dinah. Most of these banks roll their eyes and move their tongues. In addition some have an arm and hand extended to receive the coin. Also in most cases the coin enters the bank through the mouth.

The Hindu is the most desirable and one of the rarest of the bust group. It was patented January 24, 1882 under Patent No. 252,607 by Louis Kyser and Alfred C. Rex of

Philadelphia, Pa. It was also manufactured by their concern, the Kyser & Rex Manufacturing Company. It's interesting to note that the bank varies a bit from the mechanism as covered by the patent papers, however, the general idea is about the same. Also of interest is the fact that the same patent papers were used to cover both types of the Uncle Tom Bank. These two banks are quite different as to mechanism in that one sticks his tongue out to receive the coin while the eyes roll upward, and in the other the coin is placed on the tongue inside the mouth and the eyes roll downward. Then too, of course, one has coat lapels with the name 'Uncle' on one lapel and 'Tom' on the other.

Apparently the Hindu Bank was made by utilizing the pattern of the Uncle Tom Bank without coat lapels, the turban and fez being added to the pattern with other minor changes. We can safely assume that Uncle Tom was made before the Hindu as the sketch of the bank in the patent papers does not show any kind of hat or head gear.

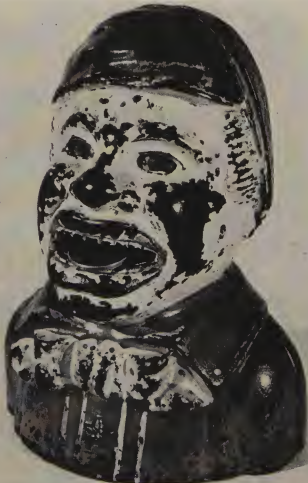
The bank shown was recently obtained by the writer through the good help of a stamp collector, Mr. Chas. Pfahl of Akron, Ohio. He in turn had purchased it from an antique picker who had found the bank locally in a home.

The paint is in good condition for this particular bank even though, as can be seen in the picture, it is rather worn on the cheeks, nose and chin. Apparently this type of bank was subject to rough play and tossed into toy boxes and the like. It is not easily broken as is the case with many of the banks and, therefore, the paint got the worst of it. The bank is very colorful and painted as follows: The jacket is red with yellow striping and the tie is yellow with red dots. His face is white with red lips and tongue, and his turban blue with a yellow tassel. His eyes are grey with black pupils.

The specimen pictured is all original with the exception of the base plate. Fortunately this is not too important as the plate is practically the same as that on the Uncle Tom Bank and not too difficult to obtain. The same lock type coin trap with the initials 'U. T.' used on the Uncle Tom Bank is also used on the Hindu, and the writer had a spare original trap which was utilized.

The bank operates as follows: A coin is placed in the mouth to partially rest on the tongue. Then a lever in the back of the head is pressed down and the tongue swings back dropping the coin into the bank. The eyes meantime roll downward. Releasing the lever returns the eyes and tongue to their original position. Coins are removed by means of the key locking coin trap in the base plate.

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## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

How many coin collectors are there? That is a question that can never be answered exactly. Some say 5000, others 10,000, and some estimates go as high as a quarter of a million. I think that nearly all Americans are coin collectors, to some degree. As one deals in coins for many years one becomes astounded at the many people, from all stations of life, that have interests in coins.

We have those who throw into a drawer an odd or unusual coin that is picked up in change. This tendency to collect and save (for collecting and saving are closely related) can in time become a small box full of unusual pieces, that, if the subject of coins arises, will be brought out and shown.

Then there is the traveler whether for pleasure, business or other reasons, he nearly always brings home a few odd coins from various nations. Take the soldiers of World War I, as an example. There are millions of foreign minor coins still in the country that were brought home by them. The same occurred in World War II with a very interesting addition, the famous short Snorter paper money collections of our GIs.

When the government issues a newly designed coin, millions of people save the first ones they get, and some of these are kept for years and years. The habit of saving all the change one gets of one denomination is done by nearly everyone. Who can say that a penny box collector is not a coin collector? Until gold coins were withdrawn from circulation a Christmas gift of gold was very popular and many of these pieces were saved for years and years. This was also the case with the gold coins that were given by large corporations to their directors at their meetings. Today, with no gold coins available silver dollars are a popular Christmas gift.

It is natural for a penny box collector to start lining up the dates he has in the box, then commence noting the different mint marks and varieties. It is not long until he wonders if there isn't something he can keep a set of these cents in. This is where the Whitman collector boards enter the picture, and the penny box collector has become a "Whitman Board Collector." From cents he graduates to all denominations and is ardently saving a specimen of everything he can secure out of cir-

culation. He has not, however, gotten to the point where condition means much to him, and would not think of paying anything over face value for any coin. The latter arises out of pure necessity; certain pieces he requires to complete a set just cannot be found in circulation, so, in desperation he has to pay a premium to someone in order to secure it. Now the amount of premium he pays is determined on how many people want that same piece and just how many there are available to fill the need. If one has a badly battered up specimen of some date and comes across a better one, clearer and more easily read, it is natural for one to place the better one in the collection discarding the poorer.

When a new collector has seen an uncirculated or beautiful proof coin, his desire is to improve his collection until all the coins he has are in this choice condition. As the vast majority of coins of any given date or denomination are worn, the better they are, the fewer they are and being more desirable, the more in demand hence their value is many times that of a worn specimen.

Many people are constantly on the watch for rare coins in their change, others are speculators or hoarders, saving each year rolls of uncirculated pieces with the hopes they will rise in value over the years. There is an immense alertness throughout the country to news about money that might be rare. Many years ago a famous dealer launched a nationwide campaign on rare coins advertising in all of the largest magazines, radio stations, etc. The main plug was "\$50 for a 1913 Liberty Head Nickel." This must have occurred twenty to twenty-five years ago and a Liberty Head Nickel of 1913 is now worth many thousands of dollars, but you'd be surprised at the uncounted millions of people that are still looking for that 1913 Liberty Head Nickel so that they can collect the fifty dollars! Ever so often some item of news comes out regarding the rarity of some coin or bill and there is an immediate flurry of interest throughout the country. Recently a large newspaper had an article regarding the release, by the Federal Reserve of many more uncirculated silver dollars that have, up until now had a large catalog valuation due to their scarceness. All dealers are immediately flooded with phone calls and letters regarding them, how much will we pay? What are they worth, etc., etc. Yes, the

interest in coin collecting is very large. I would rather not say there are "so many coin collectors." The degree of collecting is so wide and varied, from the small collector of the penny box, or saver of a few unusual pieces, on up to the few collectors who own the country's largest and most beautiful collections of rare coins, that it would not be fair to draw a line at any given place.

The case of the Morgan silver dollars being released by the Federal Reserve is a most unusual one. Formerly, uncirculated specimens of Morgan silver dollars were rapidly becoming quite rare, in fact, some varieties had risen in catalog value to as high as one hundred dollars a piece. Then one day about fifteen years ago, the first blow fell. The reserves of silver dollars held by the Federal Reserve reached a point where were discovered, vast stocks of Morgan silver dollars in uncirculated condition that had never been released for circulation. As there was a call for silver dollars, and the government does not consider rarity in coins, many of these were released to the banks for circulation. Imagine the thrill some coin collectors had when they went to their bank and found that they could purchase say, a hundred bright, uncirculated silver dollars of a known rare date and variety for face value! For instance, let us assume that each dollar had a catalog valuation of \$50! Needless to say, as many as were possible were snapped up, and many of the coins were sold at high prices and large profits until the market became suddenly flooded with the newly released pieces and their values tumbled due to the quantity available.

Periodically the Federal Reserve has continued to release more and more of various dates and mint marks until today there are very few that have not come tumbling down in value. The recent article in the newspaper is just another batch of releases, most likely prompted by the increased demand for uncirculated silver dollars to be given as Christmas presents. Profits will be made on some of these coins but in the end these high catalog valuations will come tumbling down to a level commensurate with the supply available.

We wonder how much longer, or how many more of these Morgan dollars are still to be released for as long as this condition hovers over the market, the uncertainty will cause a lag in the advance in valuation of them. I believe, however, that when the supply is finally exhausted those that saved the fine bright uncirculated coins will realize a nice profit for the many that have been released has increased the interest in the series. The Morgan silver dollar series commenced in 1878 and continued until 1921 with a lapse of none coined from 1905 through 1920. It is most unusual for one to be able to go to ones bank and frequently secure bright uncirculated coins that in some instances were as old as seventy-five years! Will silver dollars ever be coined again?

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# QUIZ CORNER

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Coin questions answered gratis. If you wish reply by mail, enclose 10c to defray costs. Do not mail us coins in question, please.

## Question:

I have a coin which I believe is bronze. On the front is a man's head, dated 1831, and around the edge is Gulielmus IIII Dei Gratia. On the reverse is a seated figure, sitting on something that looks like a wheel or a shield, which has a cross on it. The right hand of the figure hangs down at its side and rests on this wheel or shield. The left hand is raised and holds a three pronged fork which extends from the leg of the figure to the top of the coin. The figure seems to be clothed in long loose draperies which extend to the ankles. On the head is a helmet. Under the figure there is a line across from the shield to the tip of the toes. At the bottom of the coin is a small spray-straight across which looks like a flower in the center with leaves and buds on each side. Around the coin are the following "Britanniar Rex Fid Def. The coin is 1 5/16 inch in diameter. It has no mark on it denoting any value.

—B. H. B., New York

## Answer:

From your description it seems that your coin is a half Crown of William IV of England 1831 valued at 50c.

C. F., New York

## Question:

I have purchased my first HOBBIES Magazine. There are many strange initials and terms not understandable to me, therefore launching my numismatic campaign is difficult. Have I missed a section of your magazine which interprets these? If not, kindly inform me—what is:

1. A U.S. Mint set  
2. Meaning of words "brilliant" "unc.", and "roll"

2. V D B in relation to 1909 S "Indians"

4. Meaning of "P D S Mints. Do some Indian pennies have a letter P, some D, some S, and other initials, and are each and all of equal value.

5. Information please, as to how a novice knows how to class a coin as "very good," "fine," "very fine," or "unc." when one has no means of comparison.

6. What is a "proof" 1856 flying eagle cent (a) Is it the original from which the pattern is taken? (b) Are the originals hand wrought, and of more value than the coins made afterward.

7. Can you explain to me how I can distinguish between an 1856 struck in copper, nickel, and an 1856 flying eagle cent in pure copper or bronze. Naturally nickel alone is distinguishable.

8. What is the meaning of "all patterns were struck in proof?"

9. How can 20 dollar gold pieces be struck in copper?

10. Please advise what "2x4 \$31.," is in relation to Bebee's ad requesting commemorative \$½, brilliant unc.—Mrs. C. K., New York

## Answer:

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1. A mint set is an uncirculated set of a certain year, say 1952—50c, 25c, 10c, 5c, 1c.

2. Brilliant means just that, not dull; UNC, is uncirculated "roll" by the roll as delivered by banks.

3. V D B is not on Indian cents but Lincolns. Initials of designer Victor D. Brenner.

4. P D & S Mints. P for Philadelphia; D for Denver; S for San Francisco.

5. Refer to publications, too lengthy to describe here. 6 & 7 Proof is a special coin for collectors with a mirror like finish. Pure copper and bronze coins look it. Copper nickel looks like a nickel.

8. Patterns are special coins—trial pieces, and they are only struck in proof, not intended for use.

9. Pattern pieces are not necessarily struck in the metal they were intended for.

10. The 2x4 is an incused design on a Missouri Commemorative half dollar indicating that Missouri was the 24th state to be admitted into the Union. A rare variety of the coin.

C. F., New York

## Question:

I have an 1838 copper penny about the size of a modern fifty cents piece. On one side is the profile of a woman's head with "Liberty" written through her hair. There are 13 stars around the edge and 1838 under the woman's head. On the other side is written "one cent" in the middle with cent underlined. The one cent is circled with some sort of "wreath". Around the side is written, "United States of America."

I also have an 1892 and an 1898 quarter dollar, a 1909 V nickel, and a 1946 Booker T. Washington half dollar.

—B. Y. M., North Carolina

## Answer:

The 1838 cent is valued at 15c in good condition and the 1892 and 1898 quarters in good condition face value only; 1909 nickel face value, and the Booker T. Washington halves can still be purchased at some banks for \$1 in uncirculated condition.

C. F., New York

## Question:

Please give value premium on all the following: Silver dollars 1846, no mint; 1846, O mint mark; 1859, O mint mark; 1860, O mint mark. All have Liberty seated shield by side and staff in hand flowing hair and 13 stars. Reverse side large eagle, shield on breast United States of America.

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Silver dollar 1803 good condition same design 1799 on strip through eagle's beak "E Pluribus Unum."

Fifty cent piece Liberty head faces left, 7 stars in front of head and 6 behind, bottom 1830, reverse large eagle shield on breast above head "E Pluribus Unum, United States of America." Under eagle's talons 50c, no mint mark.

Twenty-five cent piece like the above fifty cent piece only gives value 25c.

Silver dollar date 1870, seated Liberty flowing hair, shield with word Liberty on it by her side, head turned to left, 7 stars before face, 1 star between head and staff suppose is flag held in hand then 5 stars. Reverse large eagle holding what looks like three arrows in 1 talon, other spray of leaves, shield on breast of eagle C C mint rib edge, condition good.

Liberty head nickel date 1887, reverse side V in wreath word cents below.

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C. F., New York

## Question:

I have an "Eight Dollar" paper bill, said to be United Colonies, Continental Currency, printed at Baltimore, February 26, 1777," measuring 3½x2¾".

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On the reverse side is as follows: "Eight Dollars, Printed by Hall & Sellers, 1777."

—D. C. P., Maine

## Answer:

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—C. F., New York

## Question:

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—D. M. G., California

## ANSWER:

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—C. F., New York

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Isaac's (3rd son of John's) born 2, April, 1728, married Martha Hart in 1750. He was admitted into membership of the New South Church in 1753; in 1777 was called of Charleston, South Carolina; and in 1782 is described as Isaac DeCoster of London, Gentlemen. In 1785 he is styled "formerly of Boston and now of Amsterdam in Holland, Gentlemen." He gave up his lands and possessions in America and died in Holland, leaving at least two children: Dorothy baptized 22, July, 1753, and Isaac, baptized 19, Feb. 1758. Isaac died in 1771.

Jonathan Rousef (4th son of John's) was baptized 28, Nov. 1730. He married first Esther Hall 14, Feb. 1750. They had at least one son Jonathan born 13, Mar. 1751. After the death of Esther, he married Mary Griffin, 30, April, 1755, and had the following eight children: Mary bpt. 21, Dec. 1755; Ezekiel Carver, 1757; Sarah, 1759; Jonathan, 1760; Temple 1762 (married Rebecca Barker); Francis, 1765; Ruth, 1767; and Richard Small, 1769.

Temple, the 5th son of John's was baptized 25, Feb. 1732. He married at Marblehead 17, Feb. 1757, Lydia Rogers. In 1762, Lydia married at Salem as her second husband, Samuel Giles. Temple was a shipwright, and in 1759, was appointed administrator of his grandmother's will (Elizabeth Waters Carver). Marblehead Vital Records give the following baptismal dates for his daughters: Lydia, 3, July, 1757; and Elizabeth, 11, March, 1759. Lydia married John Clark 26, Aug. 1777.

Martha, daughter of John's and Elizabeth (Carver) De Costa was also mentioned in the will of her grandmother. She was baptized 17, August, 1735; married Joshua Davis (a Revolutionary soldier) 24, June, 1753; and died 12, Mar. 1802. Joshua and Martha (De Costa) Davis had eight children, and it is through this couple Mrs. Vandercook claims De Costa descent.

Elizabeth, sister of Martha, was baptized 26, Mar. 1738, and she, too, was mentioned in her grandmother's will. Elizabeth had a daughter Sally and died 23, August, 1784.

The youngest son of John and Elizabeth (Carver) De Costa was Joseph's, baptized 28, July, 1740. He married Katherine Adams, 1769. In 1779, he was described on the muster rolls as "Joseph Deoster, aged 37, 5 ft., 6 in. high, complexion dark and pitted, hair short and eyes black." He served during the Revolution in both the Militia and Continental lines. His will, proved 26, Feb. 1782, is brief with bequests to each of his five children: "namely, John, Joseph, James, Isaac and Catherine," and the remainder to his wife. Joseph married first in Philadelphia, 21, June, 1794, Ann Catherine Tallman. However, his seven children were all the issue of his second wife, Sarah Smith.

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# AUTOGRAPHS

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portant public offices most of their  
 lives, and were obliged to write tens  
 of thousands of letters, so that both  
 are extremely common in autographs.  
 Again, when an individual achieves  
 fame only at death, or at an ad-  
 vanced age, his autograph is almost  
 certain to be rare, for no one is  
 likely to have preserved his letters.  
 A good example of this type of rarity  
 is the autograph of Barbara Fritchie,  
 heroine of the Civil War, who was  
 an old woman when fame came to  
 her. I have seen only one of her  
 autographs—an indorsement on a  
 check.

Invariably of great rarity are the  
 autographs of notorious criminals.  
 When John Wilkes Booth, a popular  
 actor, slew Lincoln, there was a  
 wholesale destruction of his letters  
 by all who knew him. Nobody wished  
 to preserve the autograph of a man  
 who had committed so heinous a  
 crime. Others frantically destroyed  
 his letters to hide any traces of  
 their association with him. The re-  
 sult is that his autograph is ex-  
 tremely difficult to come by. Even  
 rarer are the letters of Jesse James,  
 Quantrill, and Billy the Kid (Wil-  
 liam Bonny). Billy the Kid spent  
 most of his life dodging the law,  
 and died a violent death at 21. The  
 rarity of his autograph is under-  
 standable.

Early death is probably the great-  
 est single cause of rarity amongst  
 literary figures. The letters of Ed-  
 gar Allan Poe, who died at 40, are  
 very scarce, although common com-  
 pared with those of Charles Brock-  
 den Brown, America's first impor-  
 tant novelist who died at 39. Cu-  
 riously, the two outstanding rarities  
 of American literature—Herman  
 Melville and Emily Dickinson—may  
 be accounted for by the obscurity of  
 their subjects. Emily Dickinson  
 lived and died unknown. Herman  
 Melville was forgotten, for a time,  
 after his death. The net result was  
 the same, so far as it affected the  
 rarity of their autographs.

In conclusion, we may graphically  
 illustrate the span between rarity  
 and abundance by two individuals  
 with the same surname. Nathan  
 Hale, the spy who died on the gal-  
 lows at 21, is perhaps the rarest  
 of all important American au-  
 tographs. Edward Everett Hale, who  
 wrote "The Man Without a Country",  
 and who lived to the ripe old age  
 of 87, is perhaps the commonest.  
 Edward Everett Hale must have writ-  
 ten a hundred thousand letters, at  
 least, and one may have a letter from  
 his pen for as little as fifty cents.  
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## Patronize the Blind Man and His Dog

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A sentimental bank with an appropriate object lesson is chosen to occupy the 34th position in our numerical classification of the mechanical banks. The bank, Patronize The Blind Man And His Dog, is a well conceived idea with good action directly relating to the subject matter.

W. H. Lotz of Chicago, Illinois, was granted a patent on the bank February 19, 1878 under No. 200,402. The J. and E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Connecticut manufactured the bank and they made a number of changes in the actual bank as compared to the patent pictures. The basic idea and mechanism was adhered to, however. It's very probable that Mr. Lotz had planned that the bank be made of tin judging from the patent papers and pictures. The Stevens Company undoubtedly made necessary changes in the design to better use cast iron in the manufacture. This was not an uncommon practice as various of the mechanical banks when manufacturing techniques, improved design, and better operation often were contributing factors in making changes from the original patent. However, it's interesting to note the large number of banks that adhered to their original patents when manufactured.

The bank shown was recently obtained by the writer

through the good help of Mrs. Mary Gerken of Allison Park, Pa. who has a fine collection of mechanical banks. It is in good condition and entirely original with the exception of the dog. This part was obtained from Mr. A. W. Pendergast who went to some trouble to see that the repair was done properly. The original dog had been broken from the top of the lever. The lever with its original paint was submerged in water and the dog was fastened to it by means of melting cast iron between the two parts. In this way the original paint on the lever was left intact.

The paint on the bank is very good and the colors are as follows: The brick part is red with white striping between the bricks. The base, the small peaked roof and the curved rail are blue. The dog is black with white spots and the man is dressed in brown trousers and a blue coat. He has a red bandage over his eyes. The background space for the lettering is a very light blue and the lettering itself is painted the same blue as the base.

It might be well at this point to stress the fact that not all specimens of any particular bank were necessarily painted the same. In some cases certain banks were painted exactly the same throughout the time of their manufacture and therefore all examples found are alike. However, there are some of the banks on which the manufacturers occasionally changed the color scheme. An example of this is Professor Fug Frog with red lettering on white drapery, and then white lettering on red drapery. The coloring on the individual banks is important and in some cases a helpful clue to the authenticity of the particular bank. Patronize The Blind Man is a bank that has been found in two different color combinations, but in both cases the brickwork has been red and white striping between.

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# NUMISMATICS

## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

With the termination of each year, certain dealers in rare coins predict what the coin market will do in the following year. I have just read all of these dealer predictions, some thirty odd, and in every case find that the predominating opinion is that the market will be strong with a good tendency to rise in value.

I agree with these opinions, but would like to draw to the attention of all, the fact that, similar to the stock market the value of coins has taken a terrific rise in the last few years, and I do not believe this condition can last forever. It is true that the number of collectors has been skyrocketing and the demand is larger than ever, but we must remember that money is not quite as free now as it has been, and this may have a tendency to curtail buying. It is also my opinion that a goodly amount of the present very fast rise in values has been due to deliberate "pushing" of values up by a certain few. This can go on for a certain length of time and the values will be followed by collectors, but there is a limit and if coins are "pushed" so high as to be out of the reach of collectors' pocketbooks, they are going to be compelled to forego buying. I am not pessimistic, but do believe this year should see a tendency to level off.

I am also a firm believer that the values of coins tends to follow the trend of the stock market. If this should be the case, and we find that the market takes a break, I think that is a warning that coins may do the same. In 1936 this happened to the Commemorative market. Stocks crashed, and down went Commemoratives not to recover until the last few years. Real rare coins, early dates, proofs, and the like are seldom affected much by such fluctuations for there are not enough of them not to be in demand and if they do not realize their values, they just disappear from the market.

Prior to the banking holiday, the Philadelphia Mint had struck half a million shiny new 1933 twenty dollar gold pieces (Double Eagles to old timers). When Congress passed the Gold Reserve Act, however, these became frozen in the mint and were never placed in circulation. Soon being melted down, so ended the 1933 Double Eagle, or so every one thought.

Imagine the surprise when, ten years later, a well known dealer in New York City had in one of his auction sales—nothing less than a 1933 twenty dollar gold piece! Well, they were never officially released and were not supposed to be in the hands of anyone. Action was immediately taken, the coins were confiscated by the government, and the owner questioned. It was disclosed that the purchase price for each was \$1,300 about seven years before. The FBI got on the job and uncovered six more 1933 Double Eagles in the hands of other collectors. The prices paid for them ranged from \$300 to \$1,600 and it was found out that another Eastern dealer had sold a total of eight of these pieces. The eighth owner, decided to fight the confiscation but lost on the grounds that the gold Double Eagle was never issued as money and therefore still belonged to the mint.

It is thought that there still is one more, a ninth, 1933 Double Eagle out. If it turns up it most certainly will be confiscated, but think of it, it is the only existing 1933 Double Eagle! How did the nine coins ever get out of the mint? And who got them out? That is the mystery that most likely will never be solved!

—o—

I have had several inquiries from my readers as to how to start coin collecting. Many are aware of it as a very fascinating hobby, but do not know how to go about it.

A good amount of a beginners collection is started namely one's pocket change, but to just have a jumble of coins would not make a very interesting collection.

System must be brought into the

The fault, dear Brutus, is  
not in our stars,  
But in ourselves, that we  
are underlings.

Wm. Shakespeare

picture, and for the beginner, this is where Whitman boards enter. These compact, reasonable coin holders are available to everyone in many stores, for all types and denominations of United States coins that the country has put out in the last century. They give an accurate list of all dates issued, mint marks and the numbers coined each year which is important and interesting information. As with everything—knowledge is all important and every beginner should first invest in a Whitman Publishing Co. Guide Book of United States coins. (\$1.75 PP extra). This fine book is the "Bible" of coin collectors both beginners and advanced and lists, with values of United States coins. In addition the book has a wealth of information. Study it carefully and pay particular attention to the paragraphs on the Condition of Coins. There are other valuable books on coins, too.

I would urge you to find out about your local coin clubs and attend their meetings, for there you will be thrown into contact with your local fellow collectors, trading, buying and selling, listening to numismatic lectures, attending banquets, learning and receiving advice. When this has happened you are well on the way to becoming a real active and heartily enthusiastic coin collector. And believe me, to my way of thinking, this hobby is interesting, pleasant and profitable.

I am always intrigued by reading old time magazines and seeing the values listed therein. In Harpers just before 1900 we find the following: (with today's prices after each one) "Mr. H. Bell's 1822 quarter is worth 75c; in very good cond. \$1.25; today, good \$3.50, fine \$10.00, uncirculated \$40.00; FMH WHS the 1857 flying eagle cent, 5c; (25c to \$10.00) 1856 \$5.00 (\$50 to \$200). P E Twiss-Dealers sell "trade dollars" at \$1.25 each, they are not legal tender. (they still are not legal tender, but dealers now sell them, fine or better for from \$3.50 up to high prices for rarities). C. W. Paeschke had a 1799 cent which the article says dealers sell for \$7.50! Today? \$50 to \$200. E. Berliner the 1799 dollar is worth \$3.00, (\$15 to \$55); 1798 \$2.50 (\$13 to \$32.50); 1800 worth \$2.50 (\$13 to \$50). HWF United States \$3 gold piece is worth \$3.50; \$15 to \$50 for the commoner ones today).

And so it goes, the same story all of the time. Years ago what we thought were high values are bargains today. Will that be so in another fifty years? With the population increase continuing as it has, and the constant increase in coin collectors who can predict what rare coins will be worth in half a century? Perhaps such rarities as the 1856 flying eagle cent that in our lifetime we have seen skyrocket from \$10 to \$300, will be worth thousands of dollars! I mean as a stable price, not based on a cycle of inflation. Only time will tell.



# QUIZ CORNER

By CHARLES FRENCH

Coin questions answered gratis. If you wish reply by mail, enclose 10c to defray costs. Do not mail us coins in question, please.

## Question:

Although this question may not come exactly under the heading of numismatics, perhaps you can answer it for me. I understand that at one time U. S. greenbacks that were worn or mutilated were chopped up and made into a sort of paper mache from which the U. S. Treasury molded figures. I have one of these figures, a cat's head, and on the back is a label which states that it was made from U. S. greenbacks by the U. S. Treasury. Can you tell me if this item may have any value of any sort? The value probably would be from its classification as an antique and not a numismatic one.

—R. C. B., Pennsylvania

## Answer:

I believe the Government did sell such curiosities some time ago. As to its value, it would be difficult to tell. It would be of interest to Numismatic collectors of the old and curious and I would suggest that were you to sell it the best way would be to offer it in one of the National auction sales of coins, or through HOBBIERS.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I am sending you a list of coins I would like to have you evaluate for me. I am also sending the tracings of two that I don't know what they are. U. S. half dollar 1830, fine; 1845, fifty cent piece, fine; 1838 one cent, good; 1859, 1862, 1863 Indian heads, good; 1864-1865 two cent, good; 1869-1870 three cent, fine; 1842-0 ten cent, good; New Foundland 50 cent, 1882, good; Bank of Upper Canada 1852 on one side, one half Penny Bank token

on other, good; one cent Canada 1888 and one 1876, fine; two Diez centavos 1870, 1879; one cinco centavo 1879.

—A. R. R., Alabama

## Answer:

No. 1 is an English penny, No. 2 an Irish penny both common; your other coins are worth as follows: 1830 half 75c; 1843—70c; 1838—80c; 1859-62-63—80c each. Cents 1864 common var. 1865—5c each; 1869—75c; 1870 —\$1; 1842—10c, 15c; the other minor foreign coins range from 2c to 5c each; Newfoundland—50c, 60c. All prices are what dealers will pay in GOOD condition.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

In the Numismatic section of a year ago you featured a \$2.00 bank note issued by a bank which has been out of existence for many years, the Somerset and Worcester Savings Bank of Salisbury, Md. Since there was no information carried whatever concerning the bank note, I am curious as to the reason for showing it especially since I hold a number of them which I purchased while on a trip to Boston, purchased out of civic pride since I am a resident of Salisbury. Will you please give me some information concerning either the bank or the bank note? The local citizenry, even the old timers, know little or nothing about it.

—P. L., Maryland

## Answer:

Our banking system prior to the Civil War was extremely lax and there are found throughout the country many thousands of varieties of bank notes some of which are very questionable. Large quantities of these Somerset and Worcester bank notes have turned up in New England, in uncut sheet, singles, etc., a

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## QUIZ CORNER

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great many of them in uncirculated condition. While I have no direct evidence to the effect, I sometimes wonder whether they are not restrikes of an original from the original plates. As you are in Salisbury, I believe it would be exceedingly interesting for you to delve into the history of your town and find out if there ever was such a bank and if so, what happened. We simply used that particular copy of the original as an example we had at hand of the type of notes so commonly used throughout the U.S. prior to the Civil War.

Any information you can unearth regarding the original bank I would deeply appreciate your advising me of.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Is there any value in the following coins? 2½ dollar gold pieces, good condition, date 1854, 1911, 1914, 1910, 1893; one cent piece date 1858 (used); one cent very old coin date looks like 1705 or 8 (this is as large as a 50c piece); a very badly used one cent piece, similar to the above one in size, no date I can make out, has woman's head with Liberty above forehead, stars around the head, on the other side has wreath around center with one cent in the center of wreath, States of America around the edge; a two cent piece USA 1865; a coin that looks like a penny dated 1863 and on the other side it says Our Union with two stars; coin the size of a dollar, on one side it has 8 doubles 1854, on the other side it has Gurensay at the top with a sort of crest below with three

lions in it. Also these English coins one a 50 cent piece 1881; another that has the date of 1775 on the back and all I can make out on the other side is the word "Rex"; a half sovereign dated 1872, a one franc piece dated 1887, and a Canadian one cent 1890.

—Mrs A. L. M., California

### Answer:

Your coins are worth as follows: 1854, \$2.50—\$6.25; 1911, 1914, 1910 \$2.50—\$5 each; 1858 cent 10c. Coins that are very badly worn are not of any particular value, particularly if the date is unreadable. 1865, 2c is 5c; Civil War token 2c; The Gurensay piece is worth 25c; the other foreign coins are of very little value.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

One of our borrowers is very eager to have some idea of the value of a 50 franc gold piece which has the head of Napoleon III Empereur Empire-Francaia, date 1857 (see sketch enclosed). The coin is in excellent condition.

—L. P., Mississippi

### Answer:

The Napoleon III 50 franc gold piece in very fine condition in today's market is worth \$20.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I am enclosing a pencil rubbing of two old coins I have. One is a 50c piece dated 1811, has thirteen stars, the other is a 25c piece dated 1854. Would you please tell me if these have any value?

—Mrs. A. H., Maine

### Answer:

The 1811 half dollar is worth \$1.00 and the 1854 quarter 30c.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Will you please tell me the value of the following coins I have in my possession and listed as follows: One cent Canada 1911; half penny Canada 1844; United States of America 2 cents, 1864; United States of America one cent, thirteen stars, Liberty head, 1835 (date worn slightly but still visible on coin); one Lincoln head penny, Liberty 1918.

Can you give me the name of the coin collector from Cincinnati who recently bought coins or a coin from King Farouk's of Egypt's collection at an auction?

—C. W. K., Ohio

### Answer:

The Canadian cent is worth 2c; bank token 5c; 1864, 2c—5c; 1835 cent worn 5c; 1918 cent face value.

I regret that I cannot tell you who purchased coins from the Egyptian king's sale for many people attended it and many purchased them from it.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I would appreciate some information on the value of the following coins: 1878 silver dollar "S" mint worn but legible, 7 tail feathers in eagle's tail on reverse side, 1884 silver dollar same as above, slightly worn but in good condition; 1921 peace dollar uncirculated; 1892 Indian head penny slightly rusted, slightly smooth; 1902 Indian head penny slightly worn.

—S. B. C., California

### Answer:

There is no premium to your silver dollars and the Indian heads are worth 2c each.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I would appreciate information on the following paper notes or certificates: (1) \$2.00 note of the Exchange Bank of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Nov. 1, 1853. (2) \$1.00 certificate of the Memphis Bank of Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 6, 1852, (Incorporated by the state of Tenn., Feb. 4, 1852) (3) \$5.00 note, No. 224 on the Merchants and Mechanics Bank of Wheeling, Va., Oct. 8, 1835—on demand at Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Philadelphia (the above was of course older than the State of West Virginia) (4) \$10.00 note on the Bank of Massillon, Ohio, May 1, 1882. Each of the above notes is signed by the president and cashier of the banks. They show signs of being old, but are legible and whole. Is there value to these and any demand for same?

Mrs. K. E. P., Indiana

### Answer:

Your first three notes come under the category of "Broken Bank" bills and are no longer redeemable, worth around 25c or so each.

Item 4, the \$10 bill of 1882 is most likely scarce and its exact condition determines its value. Also who, for the United States, signed it, not the bank signators.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I would like information on the enclosed pencil rubbings that are attached. I think both are English coins. The 1885 farthing has the imprint of Queen Victoria and the 1913 farthing has George V on the reverse. The condition is better than the rubbings show.

—H. C. F., New York

### Answer:

Your identification of the farthings is correct. They are of little value for there are forty-eight of these to a shilling and a shillings value is 24c.

—C. F., New York

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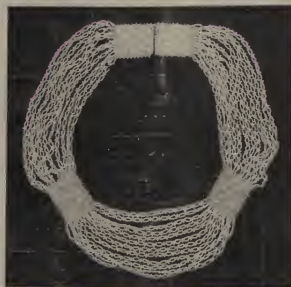
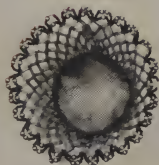
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The catalog was found in a second hand shop in Norwich, N. Y. Mr. Stackhouse happened on the scene at the right time as the place was going out of business and the catalog was about to be discarded along with some old magazines.

It is interesting to note that the rare Germania Exchange Bank is pictured as well as the rare Bismark Pig. This, of course, adds to both these banks as it definitely shows they were sold commercially as toy savings devices.

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By F. H. GRIFFITH

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have captured the "secret" in other ways. Political students have pinned it down to government. Communists have found the "secret" in the mandarin and class system and in land ownership. Some of our own internationalist zealots find the "secret" in American billions for "undeveloped countries."

We suppose it would take an ignorant rube from the sticks to assume that the Chinese people are hungry because there are not enough natural resources there to feed that many people; or that they are poorly clothed and housed because there are not enough natural resources to clothe and house that many people; or that industry is undeveloped because there are not enough proper, convenient natural resources to support competitive industry?

Our mind travels back over the years to recall the voice and message of an ignorant orator ranting about the "yellow peril" of hundreds of millions of Chinese waiting to descend on our fertile acres like a scourge of man-size locusts.

Perhaps our greatest protection against this "yellow peril" is, and always has been, the "yellow peril" itself. Any kind of animal or plant life may multiply beyond the scope of its natural resources and become stunted by its own abundance. Science and invention in the educated world has been rapidly expanding the supportive power of natural resources. But in this decade population growth all over the world is running science a neck and neck race, and adding spots of "white peril" to the "yellow peril."

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We have not seen rabbit traps in any of the antique shows, or do not recall one advertised in HOBBIES (although we have had listings of bear traps), nor do we recall seeing one in any museum. They are a vital part of Americana that should in some way be preserved. We refer, of course, to the standard wood box or chicken coop tilted up on one edge on a figure 4 trigger and bait apparatus.

In days of old when rabbits were bold, and came up to the farmsteads at night for what they might find in the way of grain or lettuce, they furnished a bit of variety to a typically monotonous diet. When any other food supply from the ground might be covered with snow, and drifts might seal in the farmstead from the outside world, that was the time that rabbits searched most for their food and found it in the baited traps.

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The beaver trap and the bear trap have found their way into romantic history of America, but the one great trap of Americana was the simple box, tilted up on a figure 4 whittled out of sticks.

# NUMISMATICS

## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

There are a great many rarities in the series of coins and tokens struck in Canada prior to its Consolidation in 1870 but up until now not much attention has been given to these earlier Canadian coins. They could very easily be compared to our own Colonial coin series and some day may come into their own and skyrocket in value. As to Canadian paper money, it is astounding how little there is available other than the commoner 25c notes, ones, twos and fives prior to 1900 are indeed extremely rare and when they ultimately are catalogued will be worth much more than one can realize.

The Canadian series are divided into two major sets. The Colonies of Upper and Lower Canada, now Ontario and Quebec were separate until their uniting in 1841 under the title of Province of Canada. British Columbia, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia were brought together with the Province of Canada in 1867 and given the title Dominion of Canada. British Columbia entered in 1871, Prince Edward Isle 1873 and Newfoundland in 1949. Prior to the Confederation under the Dominion of Canada, the coins and tokens struck and used there were, a hodgepodge of denominations, and designs, struck by provinces, banks, and even private businesses. The first real Canadian Dominion coins were struck in 1870, putting an end to the many varieties, excepting, of course the separate issues of Newfoundland, which were continued until very recently. It is interesting to note that the one cent coins of the Province of Canada are identical in design to the Victoria one cent coins that were adopted by the Dominion of Canada and struck from 1870 on. This is probably why these two years 1858 and 1859 are incorporated into the set as regular large cents of the series. This is also the case with the Province of Canada silver five cent piece of 1858.

During 1921 over two and one half million silver five cent pieces were minted when it was decided to start the larger five cent nickel piece similar to our own nickels, without being released these 1921 silver five cent pieces were melted down.

Over two hundred thousand silver fifty cent pieces were also coined in

1921 but due to the large coinages during the war years from 1916 to 1920 very little demand was found for the 1921 coins. It is understood that the mint still had a very large part of the 1920 coinage on hand. During 1921 and 1928 when the 50 cent pieces were resumed being coined, very few of the 1921 coins became released and it was finally decided that the undistributed half dollars of the year 1921 should be melted down. So, very few got into circulation, in fact most of the ones that did probably did so by being sent to those collectors that had gone to the trouble of ordering year sets from the mint for the year 1921, never realizing that the melting down of the entire issues of both the 5c and 50c pieces would create such rarities.

With the termination of the coinages of Newfoundland in 1947 and the adoption of their use of Canadian coins, a temporary flurry of interest occurred in securing the Newfoundland series insofar as no more were to be issued. While this caused a sudden temporary rise, the Newfoundland series at present has leveled off and probably will stay in this manner until more outstanding rarities begin to stand out.

### DEATH OF FRANK C. ROSS

Word has come to us of the death of our old friend, Frank C. Ross of Kansas City. For several years Mr. Ross was editor of the numismatic column for HOBBIES MAGAZINE. He discovered, named, and made famous the 1844 Orphan Annie Dime.

Mr. Ross was a coin collector, and was a member of the Heart of America Numismatic association.

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# QUIZ CORNER

By CHARLES FRENCH

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## Question:

You may be surprised to get an inquiry from this distant land which has been a closed country until 2 years ago. I am the sixth American ever permitted to take up residence in Nepal.

I was interested in antiques before coming here and have been a subscriber to *HOBBIES* and now find myself rather surrounded with interesting antiquities of many types and while I am collecting kukris (the Nepali knife), bronzes, wood carvings from ancient temples, Tibetan bells, tonkas and ivory carvings I have had coins offered me occasionally. About these I know nothing.

I enclose a poor rubbing of two coins, one, the Newari coin, is dated 718 which I believe is about 300 years old as the current Newari date is 1014. These coins, silver rupees, go back another 100 years when they were first introduced into the kingdom by a former progressive king Mahindra Malla, but so far I haven't been able to find any of the real old coins, but would make a search if they are of value. The other coin is later and is dated 1764 Nepali dating; the current year is 2010. I have found a few of these coins dating from 1646 to 1820 Nepali.

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I assume the last three are half pennies. All are in good condition.

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Marc Agrippa head—Reverse Another Head. Mecenais. I judge this to be a Roman coin of about 50 B.C.

Georgius II Rex—Reverse Hibernia, Crowned Harp 1760.

Copper coin head 1863—Reverse Our Navy; Copper coin head 1863—Reverse Army and Navy; Indian head copper coins—Reverse Charles Babcock Jeweler; Troy N. Y. 72 Conch St. in wreath in center.

—H. M., Massachusetts

## Answer:

All of the coins you list are quite common. The English Merchants tokens are worth from 25c to 50c each, excepting the Lady Godiva Coventry coin which is worth \$1 to \$2. The Roman piece is worth about 25c in good condition and the rest range from 5c to 25c each.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have some coins that I would like to know the value of. Indian head pennies—1882, 1890, 1892, 1897, 1898, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1906. Also another whose date is almost indiscernible but it looks like 1851. An 1899 25c piece U.S. Miss Liberty, a 1910 25c piece Canadian, a 1907 10c piece U.S. Miss Liberty, and three Miss Liberty nickels, one 1903 and the other two 1906.

—Mrs. C. F., Indiana

## Answer:

Unfortunately, your coins are not

of great value. The Indian Heads are valued at 2c each and the one that is questionable is most likely 1881. The Canadian quarter is worth face value, and the other coins face value. All these valuations are for coins in "good" condition.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

I am enclosing several rubbings of some coins which I have come across. Could you please tell me the value, if any, and the origin of the first one. (1) front has large crown over AF. Three smaller crowns. Back has large crown I. OR S M crossed arrows over date 1769. (2) dated 1828 United States of America half cent. (3) dated 1848 United States of America one cent. (4) Abe Lincoln President, 1864 on one side other OK in center. (5) A Jefferson nickel 1943, break across face and top half is blurred. Back is also blurred but not as bad as front. Looks like it could have been done in die.

—D. G., Nebraska

#### Answer:

(1) Denmark valued at 10c. (2) U.S. 1928 half cent 25c. (3) 1848 cent 15c. (4) Civil War token, no value. (5) 1943 die break nickel probably worth 25c.

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—K. Z., Wisconsin

#### Answer:

The note you have is worth 50c in good condition.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

Will you please tell me the value of the enclosed. (1) The State of North Carolina fifty dollars issued at Raleigh, Jan. 1, 1865. (2) half cents 1804 & 1829. (3) half penny token 1812. (4) half dime 1839. (5) dime 1854. (6) 3 dollar gold piece 1878; (7) 5 dollar gold piece 1880. (8) 2 1/2 dollar gold piece 1853.

—B. L. G., Ohio

#### Answer:

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—C. F., New York

#### Question:

I have two coins made of gold. One is a Liberty Star Indian Head coin (\$2.50 piece) made in 1909. On the front is the date and on the back it has U.S. of A. "In God We Trust E Pluribus Unum." It has an eagle on the back with his wings closed. The other coin was made in 1857 with stars on the front and U.S. of A. on the back worth 2 1/2 dollars in gold. It has an eagle with his wings spread. I would like to know values for each of these coins. One is mirror plated.

—Mrs. A. H. S., Florida

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—P. S., Massachusetts

#### Answer:

The coin you have is a Russian ten ruble coin of Czar Nicholas II. It originally was worth \$5 in American money but today is valued at \$9.50.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

I would be greatly obliged to you for examining the enclosed pencil

rubbing of a Roman silver coin which I possess. Please let me know the date of this coin and its value.

—E. S., Pennsylvania

#### Answer:

The coin you have is not Roman but a silver coin of Pope Alexander VI of the Vatican City. Alexander VI (Borgia) was Pope from 1492 to 1503.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

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WANTED: Any historical material relating to any Western state, Hawaii or Alaska. Books, broadsides, letters, diaries, business ledgers, early newspapers, advertisements, prints, paintings, anything else. Send for Want List.—Pronoun, 436 Kearny St., San Francisco, California. au 12 4032

WANTED: Old correspondence—stamp envelopes and postmarked letters dated or postmarked before 1880. Highest prices paid. Free buying list and information.—B. Ball, 1135 du Pont Blvd., Miami, Fla. ap6829

CIGARETTE, TOBACCO, candy cards. Advertising or issued by tobacco companies.—Charles Bray, East Bangor, Pennsylvania. di2985

OLD SHOES, boots, sandals, footwear, all nations; give age, history, photo or sketch. Describe fully.—B. W. Cooke, 33 Lakewood Dr., Glenview, Ill. n12741

CANES: Must be unusual in design, material or history. Photo or sketch. Describe fully.—B. W. Cooke, 33 Lakewood Dr., Glenview, Ill. n12741

WANTED: OLD, unusual and foreign playing cards. Describe, price.—E. M. Salmonson, 6732 Newgard, Chicago 28, Illinois. jc6853

WANTED: Automobile items, anything pertaining to the Auto Era: car accessories, literature, also Americana catalogs that describe goods.—B. J. Pollard, 14300 Prairie, Detroit 35, Mich. jly6238

STEREOSCOPIC VIEWS bought.—G. L. Howe, M. D., 924 Clover St., Rochester 10, N. Y. jc3802

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LOTTERY TICKETS: Some rare, others valuable. What have you?—F. G. Nordell, E. D. 1, Ambler, Pa. ap3652

STEREOSCOPIC views wanted.—Moore 3745 Sheffield, Chicago. ap1244

DE SOTO HOUSE Galena, Illinois historical items wanted, programs, photos, De Soto Polka published by Lee & Walker 1955-6, news items, admission cards to Jenny Lind concert, receptions, etc. Also pictorial and news items fire dept., Frink-Walker stagecoach, etc. Galena, Ill. items only. Describe and price.—Miss Virginia R. Carroll, Hotel De Soto, Galena, Ill. ap3653

WANTED: Left handed moustache cup and saucer. Advise.—R. F. Mateer, 437 Perkinswood N. E., Warren, Ohio. ap6445

WANTED: Old Sunday newspapers, comic sections, periodicals 1895 to 1925, especially want "Billy Bounce," "The Brownie Clown," "Sambo," "Circus Soli" comics.—Ernie McGee, 2837 N. 11th St., Philadelphia 33, Pa. jc3644

PALOOKS & RING CHESTS wanted. Preferably with unusual opening device.—Shiffman, 109 Bedford St., New York 14, New York. ap1651

ADVERTISING: posters, circulars, etc. Also old printed material on Magic Trick, art of Memory. Ask for free want list.—I. Warshaw, 752 West End Ave., New York City 25. my3814

FIRE MARKS and Insurance plates, Campaignal banners and gadgets.—Whitlock's New Haven, Conn. jc3802

TRAINWAYS & CARNIVALS, Western and Southern Railroads. Complete working condition. Name of railroad in top or globe necessary. State railroad and price. Top design sauce dishes and butter pats.—Edna Austin, North Bennington, Vermont. ap1272

LOTTERY TICKETS. Whitlock's, New Haven, Conn. jc3639

OLD STAMPS Wanted. I will pay \$100.00 each for 1924 1c green Franklin stamps, rotary perforated eleven up to \$1,000 ea. unused). Send for large illustrated folders showing amazing prices paid for old stamps, coins, and collections.—Vernon Baker, (H-3) Elvira, Ohio. Advertiser, Inc. in HOBBIES since 1931. jc3267

CIVIL WAR CONFEDERATE Veteran badges wanted.—H. C. Hill, 1208 Church, Flint, Mich. di2235

WANTED TO BUY: Trade catalogs before 1900 showing pictures of instruments, hardware, optics, furniture.—Anne Gray, 215 East 57th Street, New York 22, N. Y. my3004

UNUSUAL IVORIES, bronzes, porcelains, figures and plaques.—Ben Weislinger, 249 Marcy Ave., Brooklyn 1, New York. ap2698

SHAVING MUGS with picture, owners' occupation and name. Liberal prices.—Fred Patterson, P. O. Box 1730, Atlanta, Georgia. jly2551

WANTED: Old or unusual cameras. Will trade or sell my duplicates.—W. E. Musick, 12007 Yale, Chicago 28, Ill. tfx

EARLY ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS wanted. All sizes and types of bulbs with a tip on the end and porcelain or plaster of paris in the base. (Bases may be different from present service type.) Also want bulbs with a General Electric (Edison) label designating the lamp as "Tungsten," "Tantalum," or "Gem." Please sketch or describe carefully and state price. Write for descriptive letter.—G. R. Brown, 2317 Mayfield Drive, Fort Worth 12, Texas. ap36311

WANTED: Boy's TOYS: Old trains, trolleys, wagons, automobiles.—Dr. Kowal, 1846 Cullerton, Chicago, Ill. ap3442

WANTED: Stampless folded letters, addressed envelopes, covers, postmarked before 1890; early Valentines; autographs; documents; other Americana.—John W. Stine, 821 Kings Highway, Edwardsville, Illinois. my3363

UNUSUAL IVORIES, Wood carvings, bronzes, mechanical iron bells.—Weislinger, 249 Marcy Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. el2069

OLD POST CARDS: Will pay average \$2 to \$3 per 500 plus postage. Need old Valentines and greeting cards 1870-90 era.—Lyon Hobby Mart, Box 63, Hartford, Connecticut. ap3844

EARLY WIRELESS equipment, books, magazines, and catalogs. Send description and price.—Vance Phillips, 1010 Monte Drive, Napa, California. ap6084

CIGAR BANDS WANTED: Describe & price in first letter. No offers.—Louis Rubin, 64-26 224th St., Bayside, 64, New York. jly 4005

WANTED: Movie theatre programs prior to 1925.—E. Butler, 410 W. Sandusky, Findlay, Ohio. my3232

WANTED: Palmer Cox "Brownie" books, drawings, rubber stamps, cloth or paper dolls, souvenir postcards, posters, trade cards, decalcomanias, games, puzzles, yard goods, handkerchiefs, china, glass—anything that features Cox's "Brownie" characters.—Graham Hunter, 42 Clonavor Road, West Orange, New Jersey. ap1023

WANTED: Old railroad annual passes issued before 1910, anything pertaining to the old railroads of Colorado.—Koch, 1115 Bryant Ave., New York 55, New York. ap3904

WANTED: Confederate and Southern States currency, bonds, broken bank bills, coins, large currency.—J. C. Malsby, 1822C Bankhead Ave., N. W. Atlanta, Georgia. ap255

PETROLEUM—Books, pamphlets, catalogs, maps, letters, photos, stereo views, postcards or anything on American petroleum industry before 1910. Describe and price.—W. R. Johnson, 416 West Ardmore, Oklahoma. my3344

WILL BUY or swap coins, stamps, covers, books, guns, relics. Will answer all correspondence including foreign.—Robert K. Smith, 247 East Fairmont Ave., Trafford, Penna. ap1291

a photographer, was the youngest of the family.

I am including these more recent dates in an effort to preserve these family records, as it is often difficult to reconstruct family lines during this period, due to the various members of a family spreading out into new territories. This tendency will be noted particularly in the Solomon family, as we find the grandchildren of Martha Jane Alston removing from North Carolina into New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Illinois.

### ALSTON COAT-OF-ARMS.

He beareth for Arms: Azure ten stars four, three, two and one, or. Crest—On a wreath of a half moon argent charged with a star or as in the arms.

The above description of the ALSTON Armorial Bearing is found in Burke's General Armory for the family seated at Saxham Hall, Suffolk and Odell, Co. Bedford. Burke's *Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies* states: "The family of Alston is upon record as early as the reign of Edward I, when William Alston, of Stisted, in Essex, for want of warranty of Brockscoft, in Stisted, did grant and confirm to John de Carpenter, of Naylinghurst, so much of the better land in Stisted, except his mansion-house there. In the time of Edward III, Hugh Alston bore for arms, 'azure, ten stars or, four, three, two, one'; which was long before coat armour was granted by patent." This account takes the Alston line down to "John, of the inner Temple, and of Pavenham, in Bedfordshire, m. Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Temple, knt. of Stanton, Bucks", said to be the grandfather of the two John Alstons, early settlers in the Carolinas.

Stars indicate crusader ancestry and were awarded to those above the ruder sort of man, whose good influence was shed afar, as the beams of a star.

The crescent or moon symbolizes serene power over mundane actions. The moon is said to bear that sovereignty by night which the sun bore by day.

This code drawing of the Alston shield, with the parallel lines to indicate the blue (azure) shield and dots to indicate the gold (or) stars,

WANTED: Baseball guides, magazines, Sporting News, record books, World Series programs, old baseball magazine posters, exhibit cards, candy cards, postcard newspaper pictures of players, scrapbooks, etc. Very highest prices paid.—Al Price, Box 615, Pine Bluff, Ark. my3235

WANTED: Uncopyrighted steam engine, antique cars, aircraft negatives or picture. Write.—Wm. P. Kupka, Chelsea, Iowa. my3132

ADVERTISING CARDS, Old Albums. Advertising Posters.—Woody Gelman, 247 W. 46th St., New York 36, New York. jly4239

WANTED: Oriental art of all kinds. Metal, ivory wood or gold. Idols, net-sukes, masks, etc.—Albertson, 2116 - 63 St., Brooklyn 4, N. Y. jc6853

PAPER ITEMS before 1900—cigarette cards, trade cards, scrapbooks, pamphlets, advertising posters, paper toys, catalogs, valentines, or what have you? Woody Gelman, 247 W. 46th St., New York 36, N. Y. jc6464

incomplete in that it does not show the crest, helmet and mantling, but the simplicity of the design indicates antiquity.

Colors are representative of the personal characteristics of the original bearer and are granted only if he is worthy. Blue signifies loyalty and truth; gold, generosity and elevation of mind; silver (argent), sincerity and peace.

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#1024 SMITH-KNOWLES Des. info. & ances. . . . . Smith who m. . . Knowles, Quakers of Bucks Co., Pa.; parents of Frederick Mortimer Smith b. 1/25/1826, Benjamin, Edwin, Newlin, and Thomas C. (worked at Doylestown Cemetery). Corres. inv. Mrs. Alice Steen, 1723 Naomi Ave., Seattle 5, Wash. ap3634

#1025 ELKINS-HEUSTIS Des. ances. & info. David Elkins born c. 1797, near Lake Champlain, Vt. m. . . Heustis b. 1799 prob. Vt., mov'd to Mt. Pleasant, Ia. 1851; parents of: Lucius, Mary Ann, Aristides, Maria, Abbie and Anice. Mother sister of Aristides Heustis, founder of Iowa Wesleyan College. Corres. inv. Sec #1024. ap3634

#1026 GOODWIN Des. corres. with desc. of Jesse Goodwin and Julia Little; had issue Ashley Nettie. John and Edward, res. southern Vt. circa 1814. Corres. inv. Clinton B. Goodwin, South Aspermun, Mass. ap3634

#1027 BERSHIRE (Barkshire, Barkshire, etc.) Want ances. of Henry Berkshire born c. 1760; from S.C. to Floyd Co., Ind., circa 1806. Corres. inv. w/ others interested in the name. W. E. Berkshire, 214 Burlington Ave., Logansport, Ind. ap3634

#1028 WYNN-CURL Ances. Peter Wynne of Tazewell Co., Va. and wife Rachel Curl; had son Joseph Adam (1848-1912) who m. 1st Eliza Rhea and 2nd Martha (Mattie) Miller. Was he grandson of William Wynne (1723-1808)? Corres. inv. W. K. Ill. ap3634

#1029 MOORE-ADAMS Ances. John B. Moore and wife Mary Frances Adams (1830-1902) of Reading, N. J.; m. in Philadelphia 10/14/1858. Corres. inv. W. K. Ill. ap3634

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Land Deeds, Land Grants, indentures. Some with bees wax State seals. All on different counties of Georgia. All different counties of Georgia. Stamped - Unstamped. 1854-1885 - J. J. Dassingier, 105 Winburn Terrace, East Point, Georgia. my3665

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OLD GAMES: Crandall, McCoughlin Bros., Milton Bradley, etc. Send for list - F. L. Ball, 45 Fresh Pond Lane, Cambridge 38, Mass. ap6044

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FOR SALE: Old Sunday newspapers, comic sections of the early 1900's. Dating back to the first Sunday Comic Strips - Ernie McGee, 2537 N. 11th St., Philadelphia 33, Pa. je3004

POST CARDS, advertising cards, misc. Americana. - Seaman's, 23626 Clifford Dr., Cleveland 26, Ohio. fi2238

WILL PAY CASH for cylinder phonographs and records, also horn type phonographs and anything pertaining to early phonographs. - Write Pollard, 4109 Soquel Dr., Santa Cruz, Calif. je3614

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CIGARETTE & Tobacco Cards, Send for list. - Charles Bray, East Bank, Fort, Pennsylvania. di2238

COPPER ENAMEL HOBBYISTS! Buy copper forms direct, half price. 16 gauge 1" circle, 2 1/2c; 24c; 3c. Send for free descriptive price lists. - Jackur Metals, 4006 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo. di219

SCOTTISH IMPORTS ANNUAL SALE: Tartan gifts, dolls, brooches, etc. Many half price. List and two beautiful gifts only \$1.00. - Highland Industries, Box 974, Orville, Washington. ap1002

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HOBBIES - Back issues to 1932, list free. - Geo. Meiser, 506 W. Douglas St., Reading, Pa. je3042

SUEDED LEATHER for garments, Hides ft. and larger. - Wilson Leather Co., 3025 West Belvoir Oval, Cleveland, 22, Ohio. se606

OLD CATALOGUES, trade cards, advertising material and posters. Auto material, fashions, patent medicines, farm machinery, bicycle, etc. - Write - Frank Levine, 15 Eaton Street, Boston, Mass. je6237

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## PLAYING CARDS

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## SPRING MEET

## AND CONVENTION

The Chicago Playing Card Collectors will hold their Fourth Annual Spring Meet and Convention May 20-22 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

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1920 Pilgrim . . . . . 3.95	1936 Columbia set (27.50) . . . —	1936 Texas set . . . . . 9.85
1921 Pilgrim . . . . . <b>8.95</b>	1936 Boone set . . . . . 9.75	1937 Texas set . . . . . 11.50
1921 Missouri (43.00) . . . . . —	1937 Roanoke . . . . . 9.85	1938 Texas set . . . . . 42.50
1921 Missouri 2x4 (45.00) . . . —	1936 Delaware . . . . . 9.75	1946 B. T. Washington . . . . . 4.95
1921 Alabama . . . . . 35.00	1938 New Rochelle . . . . . 19.50	1947 B. T. Washington . . . . . 6.95
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1922 Grant . . . . . 8.75	1936 Norfolk . . . . . 19.50	1949 B. T. Washington . . . . . 12.50
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1925 Stone Mountain . . . . . 2.95	1937 Arkansas set . . . . . 14.50	1953 Carver set . . . . . 10.45
1925 California . . . . . 9.75	1938 Arkansas set (32.50) . . . 17.50	1954 Carver set . . . . . 10.45
1925 Vancouver (36.00) . . . . . 42.50	1939 Arkansas set (107.50) . . . —	
1926 Sequi . . . . . 8.95	1934 Boone (3.50) . . . . . —	
1927 Vermont . . . . . <b>14.50</b>	1935 Boone set . . . . . 16.50	
1928 Hawaii (86.00) . . . . . 10.95	1936 Boone set, sm. 34 (115.00) . . . 17.50	
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1936 San Diego . . . . . 7.75	1928 Oregon . . . . . 5.45	
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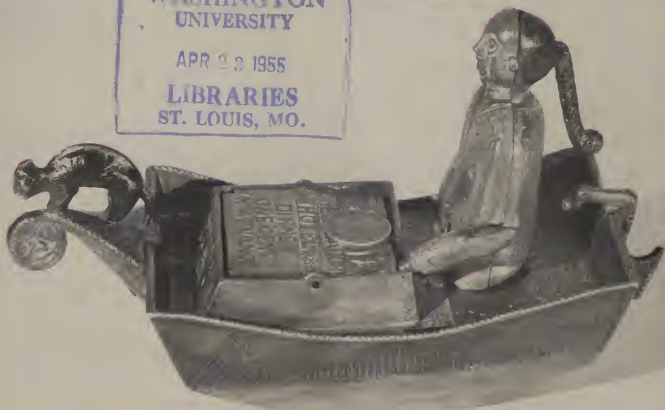
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# Mechanical Antiques

## CHINAMAN IN BOAT WITH RAT ON TRAY (See Cover)

By F. H. GRIFFITH

An item of great intrigue and interesting conjecture is picked to occupy the 36th position in our numerical classification of the mechanical banks. This is the Chinaman In Boat With Rat On Tray and the question as to its actually being a mechanical bank made as a children's saving device.

First let us clarify several things. Assuming it to be a recognized mechanical bank the Chinaman In Boat should be higher up in our numerical classification. This is to say it should not be down in the 36th position. It is a very rare interesting desirable item regardless of what it actually is and as a mechanical bank it is even more so. Then too since there have been only about four of the Chinaman In Boat banks turn up so far this has been the first opportunity for the writer to completely study and examine one thoroughly. Since the writer is now convinced in his opinion that it is a mechanical bank he will refer to it as such.

After considerable study and checking it is the writer's opinion that the Chinaman In Boat was made by Chas. A. Bailey of Cobalt, Connecticut. There are various definite earmarks and characteristics of his work, including the wording, the fine detail, the odd theme, the moon-face on the prow, and the cat, and it is made of the same lead-like material as his Springing Cat Bank and the Baby Elephant Bank Opens at X O'Clock.

The bank pictured was obtained by the writer through the good help of Mrs. Agnes Koehn of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She found it in Minneapolis, Minn., in August of 1954. The lady who had the bank had found it in the home of her parents who lived near the Canadian Border. Her parents had passed away and in closing up the old home she came across the bank, and thinking it an interesting piece she decided to keep it and brought it back to Minneapolis with her.

The bank shown is in very fine condition particularly under the circumstances of the material of which it is made and the general fragile setup of the piece. It is painted attractively as follows: The Chinaman has a red jacket, yellow trousers, and he is holding a gold fan in his right hand. His queue and hair are black, his mouth red, and his face is painted a yellowish color. The bottom part of the boat is silver and the top section is a purple or raspberry color. The cat is black and the moon-face is gold. The top part of the tray shown in the picture is yellow, red and silver, and the other side of the tray is gold with a silver rat on a silver platter. The inside edges of the boat are painted blue and the deck is gold, silver and yellow.

There are no identifying dates or marks on the bank as is also the case with the Springing Cat. To the best of the writer's knowledge there are no patent papers covering the bank.

The wording on the bank is very interesting and a complete description is in order. On the opposite side of the cat perched on the prow is the wording 'I Am Seasick Oh Morrow,' on the flat top deck in back of the Chinaman are the words 'Hotel Yacht, Free Excursion, Music By The Band Forward When It Is Not Seasick.' Underneath the coin is a red half circle with 'Cash' inscribed on it. Along with this on the movable lid is the wording 'Cheap Labor, Hotel Dinner One Cent In Advance.' On the other side of the lid the printing reads 'Dinner Is Ready.'

In operating the bank the coin is placed as shown, then the Chinaman's queue is pressed and he raises his left forearm and flips the lid-like cover over. This causes the coin to be deposited in the hull of the boat and the lid flips on over showing a rat on a platter, a knife and fork are beside the platter. Releasing the queue causes the weight of the Chinaman's forearm to flip the cover over to its original position and the bank is again ready for operation.

The Chinaman In Boat has been accepted by some collectors as being a mechanical bank and others have thought differently. It has been said that it was a special novelty item for a dinner in St. Louis or New Orleans. If this were true it is logical to assume that it would have been made in a limited number and all would have been painted alike. This is not the case, however, as the Chinaman in Mr. Leon Cameto's collection is painted differently than the writer's. The boat has a green bottom and the top part is painted red and there are other differences in the paint. Unquestionably the paint is original on both the writer's and Mr. Cameto's bank.

It has also been said that the Chinaman In Boat being an anti-Chinese item could never have been intended as a child's toy much less a bank. Well the same could be said about the Germania Exchange with the goat holding a mug of beer. It could also be said about the Breadwinner's Bank which is obviously a labor-capitalist item, and who would ever think of the Baby Elephant Bank Opens At X O'Clock being made for a child as a toy bank with its theme of an elephant throwing a baby into an alligator's mouth. Of course it's to be admitted that these three banks have the name Bank imprinted on them, however, many of the banks designed by Bailey had no name on them at all. As example, the Shoot The Chute, Springing Cat, and a number of others.

Along the same line of reasoning are two toy animated cap pistols, "The Chinese Must Go" and "Shoot The Hat." These were made in the same period as the Chinaman In Boat with the same anti-Chinese theme and they are most certainly toy cap pistols made for children to use.

Another point in proof of the Chinaman being a bank is the fact that in Mr. Cameto's bank there is a tin slotted piece under the revolving tray that prevents the coins from being removed by shaking the bank when held upside down. There would certainly be no point in having this part inside if it were not intended to be a savings bank. Mr. Cameto has kindly furnished the writer with this part for his bank. There was evidence of this part having been in the writer's bank originally.

It might be well to explain the background of the anti-Chinese theme that was used in several of the mechanical banks and toy pistols. The mechanical banks are the Redlining Chinaman where he holds the winning card hand, all aces, and the rat is crawling from the end of the log. Then, of course, the Chinaman In Boat With Rat On Tray. The toy pistols are the Chinese Must Go, Shoot The Hat, and a single-faced and a double-faced Chinese Head cap exploder. All these toys were made for a definite reason in the period of 1879 to 1882. The background starts around 1871 when there was unrestricted Chinese labor immigration into our country. They worked for very low wages and many people felt they were destroying our labor standards and taking jobs away from our own laboring group already in our country. In 1887 there were serious outrages against the Chinese workers instigated by Dennis Kearney, the burden of whose song was "The Chinese Must Go." This relates back to the Burlingame Treaty which granted the Chinese residence in America and was agreed on in 1868. In 1877 the Senate investigated the Treaty but made no changes and this set off the agitation led by Kearney and others. It wasn't until 1882 that Chinese laborers were denied admission to our country for a 10-year period. Then in 1892 the Geary Law extended these restrictions for another 10 years. So, to repeat, there is no question but that the Chinaman In Boat was made in the period of 1879 to 1882 when the anti-Chinese feeling was at its peak.

To sum up, the Chinaman In Boat With Rat On Tray is a very desirable rare item and the reader can form his own opinion as to its being a bank or not. In the writer's opinion it is unquestionably an authentic toy mechanical bank made by Bailey in the period of 1879 to 1882 and that it was for sale the same as the Springing Cat Bank and the Baby Elephant Bank Opens At X O'Clock. Further definite proof of this may turn up in the future but this is possibly remote since Bailey made a number of his earlier banks in his own workshop in Cobalt, Connecticut, before he went with the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Connecticut. There is very little information that exists on these earlier banks other than those that he was able to patent.

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That rust crusted tin cup,  
That much welcome tin cup,  
That hung by the well.*

*The year's at the spring,  
The day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hillside's dew pearled;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
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from "Pippa Passes"

# NUMISMATICS

## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

There have been many changes and amendments to the Gold Hoarding Act since the first order was issued by Secretary Morgenthau on December 28, 1933, and each one has shown a tendency to ease the restrictions. The original order called for all gold coin, gold bullion and gold certificates to be turned in to the treasurer of the United States except "B" gold coin having a recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coins (but not including Quarter Eagles otherwise known as \$2.50 pieces). Heavy penalties were listed for those violating the order including fines and jail sentences.

Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey has now amended this order changing the situation completely. The order states:

Whereas the order of the Secretary of the Treasury of December 8, 1933, required the delivery to the United States of gold coin, except gold coin having a recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coin and certain other exceptions not here pertinent;

Whereas twenty years have elapsed since the date of this order, a substantial portion of the gold coins known to have been in circulation on that date have been delivered in accordance with its provisions, and part of the gold coins outstanding in 1933 are known to have been held abroad and therefore not subject to the requirements of delivery;

Whereas it can reasonably be assumed that substantially all of the gold coins required to be delivered under the provisions of the order have been delivered and it is not in the public interest to continue provisions requiring individual examination of gold coins minted prior to 1933;

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, and the authority vested in me by the gold reserve act of 1934 as amended, I hereby amend the order of the Secretary of the Treasury of December 28, 1933, by amending paragraph B of Section 1 thereof, to read as follows:

"B" Gold Coin having a recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coin, including all gold coin made prior to April 5, 1933

(Seal) George M. Humphrey,  
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The order as it stands today: "A" Gold coin of recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coin may be acquired and held, transported, within the United States, or imported without the necessity of holding a license therefor. Such coin may be exported, however, only in accordance with the provisions of Section 54.25.

"B" Gold Coin made prior to April 5, 1933, is considered to be of recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coin.

"C" Gold Coin made subsequent to April 5, 1933, is presumed not to be of recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coin.

In other words, today, the government recognizes the fact that all gold coins dated and coined before April 5, 1933, are Numismatic rarities and are to be considered as such. It is perfectly legal to buy, sell, trade or ship any and all gold coins, both foreign and United States provided they were coined prior to April 5th, 1933. Another new and important lifting of regulations is the fact that such coins as above can now be EXPORTED without a license. Of course, when exporting one must declare that they are being exported as rare coins and permission is granted to do so in this new regulation.

As to the coins dated after 1933, (April 5th) we wonder what the situation will be regarding these? It is presumed that these coins are not rare and not Numismatic pieces, a license is necessary to export them but nothing is said about importing them, so we wonder if it will be legal for collectors to purchase and keep these in their collection? I do not see why not, for the fact that a coin is made more recently does not mean that it cannot be a collector's piece. Collectors collect all types of coins, new ones, old ones, commemorative, etc. It would not be fair to say that collectors could not collect these pieces, and I do not think the government intends the act to be read in this manner. There are many gold coins that are rare and that have been struck since 1933. In 1953, South Africa even struck proof sets of coins that contained proof specimens of a gold pound and half pound. These, in the past have been approved and permitted entry into the United States by the Customs. Several countries have struck gold coins, how-

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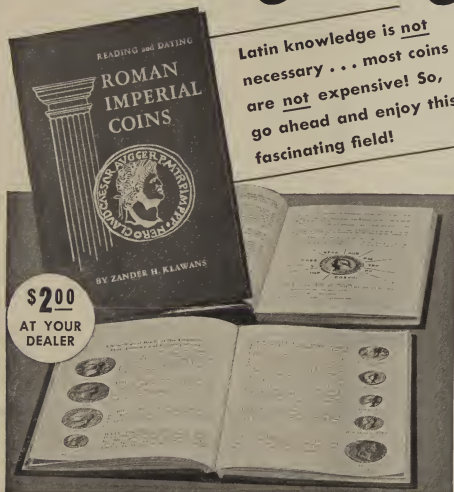
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ever, and I wonder whether their entry will be permitted, many of these were South American. Time will tell.

In any event, this is another step, and a big one, towards the easing of regulations, and the government finally admits that gold coins dated prior to April 5, 1933 are really rare and truly collectors' pieces. Nothing is mentioned about the gold coin certificates and I presume that they are still supposed to be turned in to the government.

Will there ever be United States gold coins again? I really doubt it. While it is not impossible, the need for gold coins has vanished. Credit systems and the now extensive use of paper money has reduced the desire of the populace to have hard money in their pocket. I would imagine that if gold coins were to be recoined, and passed out into circulation, people, after the novelty of the new coins had worn off, would be turning them in on deposit as fast as they received them. They would be too cumbersome and heavy for the citizen of today. Confidence in our paper money is also very high and the need of "hard" money is not felt as much as it used to be.

Were gold coins to be issued, they would be a good deal smaller than heretofore. I believe that should gold pieces be struck there is a good probability that they would be made to commemorate events of historic interest and were that to come about, a new series of commemorative gold coins would be very popular.

The wild and uncivilized parts of the world are where gold coins are in demand, for such people need the feel of good hard money and distrust the flimsy, perishable paper money we are so used to.

During the war years and shortly after, gold coins were in great demand in China, Europe and other parts of the world that had been subjected to war and inflation. But now that prosperity and peace (for the most part) are gradually returning to the world, currencies are more stable. The large quantities of gold coins that were hoarded abroad are beginning to reappear. Now that the United States has lifted the embargo on the exporting of rare gold coins out of the country and there is no restriction on this type of coin, this should further encourage the release of more hoarded gold coins abroad. This circumstance is very likely to cause the value of gold coins to decline somewhat as they have already done, for, even though a great many of them are now very rare, a sudden reappearance of large hoarded quantities could depress the values for the time being. The situation would not be a permanent one, however.

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### Question:

Would you please identify the enclosed pencil rubbings?

—J. F. H., Massachusetts

### Answer:

Your first coin is a nickel and comes from Austria; it is worth 2c. The second is silver from Turkey valued at from 5c to 10c. The third is a Civil War token of the U.S. valued at 10c. The fourth I cannot quite make out but it seems to be an ancient Greek bronze coin.

—R. F., New York

### Question:

Enclosed find rubbings of two coins. The small one is gold. Will you kindly advise me just what they are, as I don't find them listed in any of my coin catalogues.

—R. F. E., Missouri

### Answer:

The gold coin is an English sovereign of Queen Victoria valued at \$8. The other is a silver 5 corona coin of Austro-Hungary under Franz Joseph valued at \$1.00.

—C. F., New York

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—Mrs. J. W. H., Florida

### Answer:

The California gold quarter in fine condition is worth \$2. The \$5 gold pieces in fine condition \$8 each, and the Columbian half dollar is worth face value.

—C. F., New York

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I have the following silver dollars and should like to know their value and where I might sell them. (1880-O, 1883-S, 1884-O, 1892-O). All are in very fine condition.

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**Question:**

I have the following coins. Can you tell me their value? \$1 gold piece (U.S.) Louisiana Purchase, 1803-1903; \$1 gold piece (U.S.) dated 1851; \$1 gold piece (U.S.) dated 1853.

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**Question:**

Can you please tell me the worth of a silver quarter with inscription Board of Lady Managers, Columbia, \$½ United States of America, 1893. Also a tiny gold piece California Gold, ½ (no dollar sign).

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**Answer:**

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—K. W., Kentucky

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—C. F., New York

**Question:**

Please tell me something about the following paper money. United States colonial thirty dollar piece dated September 26, 1778; a ten cent piece "The State of Alabama," January 1, 1863; a hundred dollar bill "Confederate States of America," February 17, 1864; and a five dollar Confederate, same date. I also have one five dollar gold piece British, 1902 face, Edward VII and rear warrior on horse.

—J. P., Mississippi

**Answer:**

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—C. F., New York

**Question:**

I would like some information on an 1858 small letter Flying Eagle penny. It has the first S in the word States missing.

—S. S. Z., Pennsylvania

**Answer:**

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**Question:**

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—H. T. M., Virginia

**Answer:**

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—C. F., New York

**Question:**

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—C. F., New York

**Question:**

Among some papers I have found two gold coins 1853, \$1 and a 1852 \$2.50. Both coins are in excellent condition. Will you kindly give me the value?

—Mrs. A. W. M., Wisconsin

**Answer:**

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#1038: BUCKINGHAM—HARRINGTON Des. corres. with desc. of Gideon Buckingham and Nancy Harrington m. Eschelman, 1804, Bazaar, Buckingham, 3110 N. 12th, Kansas City, Kans.

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## Mechanical Bank Ramblings

By F. H. GRIFFITH

For sometime the writer has wanted personally to express his appreciation for the many nice letters received in the past few years with their complimentary remarks in reference to the articles on mechanical banks. Sincere effort has been made to answer all letters personally but, of course, there is always the possibility of a slip-up. Also effort has been made to have all information and opinions as accurate as possible on the mechanical banks and so far with one or two exceptions this apparently has been the case.

One unintentional error was observed by our alert collector friend Leon Cameto. This was omitting the Trick Pony Bank from our complete list of the mechanical banks. The listing will be published again in the near future with a few corrections, including the Trick Pony. The Chinaman In Boat With Rat On Tray should be among the authentic American-made banks and possible evidence has come to light that the Cross-Legged Minstrel is a German-made item and, therefore, should be among the foreign-made banks.

Another item, picked up by collector friend C. R. Howell, had to do with a recent article on recast banks wherein the writer stated that recast parts, using an original bank as a pattern, did not fit together too well as they were larger. Mr. Howell points out that cast iron shrinks and, therefore, parts would be too small, not too large. Technically this is true. However, the writer, in the article, was referring to parts as they are generally turned out today by those who are recasting banks. These parts are larger than the originals since a good deal of filing or grinding is necessary to make them fit even poorly. This is due to a number of reasons. Carelessness in casting for one, a difference in the cast iron for another, and also the sand used in the molds varies. These things more than account for the minute shrinkage of the cast iron and the parts wind up actually larger. It might be well to point out that when casting a single small part it is necessary to rap or tap this part to remove it from the mold. This rapping makes the mold imprint of the casting larger. On a piece 1" square it can be 1/32" larger, so the part made from

this mold is actually larger even though it shrinks minutely. Shrinkage of cast iron is about 1/10" to the foot.

In line with recast banks and mechanical banks in general the writer has had some interesting correspondence recently with Henry W. Miller who has years of background in the mechanical bank field from collecting and dealing in them. As a matter of fact, Mr. Miller purchased his first bank in 1935 in Williamsport, Pa. It was a Teddy And The Bear. He then purchased several others, the Bad Accident, Stump Speaker, and so on until he had around 25 in his collection. At this point it was decided that they took up too much room at the time so Mr. Miller placed an ad in *HOBBIES* and the response was such that he decided it was an opportunity for a spare time business. After retirement from his position with the Department of Agriculture he made mechanical banks a full-time hobby business and still carries on with more enthusiasm than ever.

One occasion in his experience is quite interesting in connection with the Presto Bank where the mouse appears on the roof. When he received the bank in a cardboard carton a live mouse actually jumped from the package itself.

Mr. Miller brings up several questions such as why do people recast, have any of those so doing announced it as a hobby, and do they do it openly. Then he answers these by saying "No, they do not" and feels that the reason they do it is a devious hopeful way of obtaining material gain. He also poses the question as to what a collectible specimen of a mechanical bank should be. Is it one that was sold to the trade commercially as a child's toy? His answer to that is yes, and in cases other than being sold as a commercial child's toy the bank should be considered on the merit of historical value or other relevant historical information. He further states that some collectors will buy anything with a "hole" in it and call it a bank, but that it certainly doesn't have any significance in the evolution of toy banks. Of course there is no harm in this if a collector just wants to add banks to his collection regardless of background. Recasts, in Mr. Miller's opinion, have no place in a collection, no value, and

certainly no historical merit. He feels that recasts simply spoil the beauty and value of a collection of genuine old toy mechanical banks.

Mr. Miller has also posed the question if it would be wise or meritorious to organize a collectors and/or dealers association and each individual pledge not to buy, trade, make or sell a recast mechanical bank. Perhaps, in his opinion, such an association supported by membership dues could pick up recast banks and destroy them and perhaps point a strong finger in the direction of those who are recasting the toy banks.

Mr. Miller's opinions have been passed along to the reader by the writer as he feels they are of definite interest.

A word of caution is in order with regard to various booklets appearing on the market for pricing, buying and evaluating mechanical banks. It is very difficult to actually set up a percentage evaluation that covers all the banks as to paint, missing parts, and the like. The percentage differential between a common bank and a rare bank are entirely different. A repainted bank can, percentage-wise, be much less valuable than one with broken or missing parts.

Also some false statements are being made. As example, the remark that most of the early collectors got their banks from people who did not know their value. This is completely untrue. The early collectors are the very basis and foundation of the market that exists today for mechanical banks. Further we can't go back 20 years or more ago and assume that banks were worth then what they are now. The antique dealers sold banks to early collectors and received the going prices at the time.

In any event, the intent of the writer's comment on the various booklets on mechanical banks is to be construed in a constructive, not destructive way. Any good reliable information based on knowledge of the subject is constructive. However, misinformation can be more destructive than no information at all. The writer is very much in favor of booklets, articles, and the like on mechanical banks that are accurately and generally helpful to the collector and dealer.

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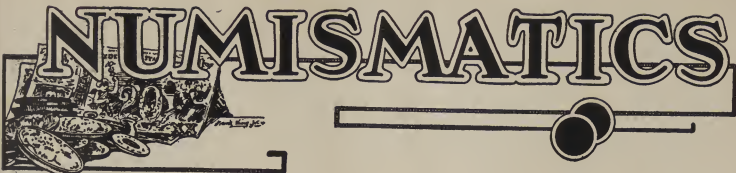
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## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

How do we become coin collectors? I suppose the reasons are many and varied. I can remember when I was in High School in 1917 having an interest (questionable) in coins and deriving great pleasure in rolling common minor foreign pieces, the larger the better down the aisle during study periods to hear the loud clatter they made. Earlier than this, probably the first recollection I have of numismatics was when my father brought home to me in 1916 a large bundle of Mexican Chihuahua paper money: one peso, two pesos, five pesos and ten pesos notes, all crisp new. That was just after the Americans had taken Vera Cruz and the Revolutionary notes were being offered by street corner vendors all over New York City. Many people bought bundles of these pretty bills as curiosities, and they were very reasonable for they were no longer good anywhere.

I believe these two items started me collecting, first common minor coins, then an Indian head cent collection out of circulation. I can remember being lucky enough to get, at that time, all dates of Indian heads right out of circulation, but noted that those before 1879 were much fewer. And over a period of several months only succeeded in finding two or three 1877s! At that time I didn't even know that a 1909S existed.

The next logical step in collecting in those days was a type collection and then, in a few years commemoratives. The type collection I started was, by today's standards, not bad, but of course, the coins at that time didn't cost very much so the collection became fairly well completed in a very short time. Of the original coins of my early days of collecting I have two pieces left and probably will never give them up. Out of the type collection I still have the original 1799 ten dollar gold piece which is a perfect uncirculated specimen with proof like lustre (for which at the time I hesitated to pay \$12.00) and a twenty dollar gold piece dated 1904 (the nearest I could find to my birth date), which is a brilliant proof and was found among a batch of double Eagles I was going over (the Foreign Exchange dealers not knowing that a proof was let me have it for the stupendous sum of \$20.50).

Speaking of commemoratives, I think the beauty of the 1918 Lincoln

Illinois half was what got me interested in this series. It wasn't hard in those days to complete a set, for there were so few varieties. And believe it or not, during the 20's those commemorative issues were darned hard to dispose of. A 25,000 issue was very liable to have some returned to be melted.

I can remember, in 1922 going in to the business place of Julius Guttag and Co., the well known collector of tokens. I went up to one of the caged windows and asked if they had a Missouri 2x4. I had the more common one without the 2x4 and wanted to complete the series. They apologized for the price but said if I wanted that one it would cost me two dollars. Julius Guttag happened to be nearby, and noting in me a new coin collector was very pleasant, and invited me into his private office where we had a very pleasant chat. He showed me parts of his collection and expounded upon his publication on tokens. I purchased the Missouri.

Hans Schulman, the elder, used to make a journey annually to the United States and used his hotel room in New York City as a sort of office, inviting collectors to come up and see his offerings. I met the portly Mr. Schulman and I purchased some very beautiful foreign coins from him. I can remember a beautiful gold five guinea piece of Queen Anne of England in perfect uncirculated condition among some I purchased and prized from his stock. They weren't cheap for the times but they were real quality.

And during all of these years from 1916 on up through 1926 I never thought to put away a roll of uncirculated coins. Oh, me!

During the 30's, after I had become a dealer, I used to make a trip annually to Brooklyn, to pay a visit to that good natured old dealer Joe Barnett. Doing his business from his small frame home on Ocean Avenue and from a satchel, he used to travel the subways from one end of New York to the other, visiting all the dealers and collectors he knew, buying and selling. Joe had set himself up as a wholesale dealer, and I can remember parting with many hundreds of dollars (that was a lot to put in coins in those days) for the most beautiful stock one could hope to find anywhere. Joe, we used to

think, was very foolish to keep such a large stock of coins in his home, unprotected and uninsured. They used to be kept in his office on the second floor of his home where he had a huge safe, usually full of rare and beautiful large cents, hundreds and hundreds of proofs of all denominations. He had a clothes closet that was virtually lined, from top to bottom with black cardboard coin boxes filled with hundreds and hundreds of gold coins from gold dollars right on up to double eagles. On proofs his price was set, 20% discount off of Wayte Raymond's catalog. Seems high but proofs were always the best of merchandise, and think of the catalog values then and now! He had specials, too. I can remember buying a ROLL of 1879 dimes, 50—all brilliant proofs at 75¢ each. A visit to Joe took many hours and at noon we'd always go around the corner to his favorite spot for lunch, and spend a couple of hours swapping numismatic gossip. While Joe never was robbed, he did have one of his satchels picked up and stolen on a subway. This cost him a pretty penny.

Another old timer was Isador Klein who used to have a place of business at the eastern end of Wall Street near the river. A busy bustling small man with a dark, dingy walk down store. Coins? Literally thousands, foreign minor coins piled in desk drawers, coin boxes full of gold, silver pieces, wooden boxes full of used U.S. coins, of the older style such as liberty seated, etc., etc. He could offer you, wholesale a hundred twenty cent pieces, mixed dates for say 30¢ each!

Klein used to travel, too. He used to make special trips up here to Troy to visit us, carrying along his black satchel that one could hardly lift, packed full of gold. There would be half a dozen California \$50 slugs, Moffat twenties, St. Gaudens high relief \$20s, U.S. gold—all dated prior to 1820, a dozen or more pieces. Crude cob type gold doubloons and the Good Lord knows what. It wouldn't take long to spend many thousands of dollars on such material. And his prices were right. \$125 each for \$50 slugs, \$35 for a St. Gaudens \$20, cob type doubloons for \$30.00.

By this time Tom Elder had retired from business, and was living in Pleasantville, N. Y. I remember calling on him to secure a consign-

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—H. F., California

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—C. F., New York

## Question:

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—G. G., California

## Answer:

The coin you have is not silver, but copper nickel which looks somewhat like silver. It is worth 15c in good condition.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I would appreciate your evaluation of this coin. It is a half dollar one side Liberty with 13 stars, 1823 and other side eagle, 50c.

—M. W. W., Illinois

## Answer:

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—C. F., New York

## Question:

Will you please tell me the value of the following? 1. gold one-fourth dollar, California 1871 (13 stars and Liberty head on date side, letter G under Liberty head, wreath and one-fourth dollar, California on reverse side, perfect) 2. \$1 gold piece 1850 perfect) 3. \$2½ gold piece 1912 (Indian head and 13 stars on date side, Liberty over Indian head; Eagle on reverse side with E. Pluribus Unum and In God We Trust, United States of America over eagle.)

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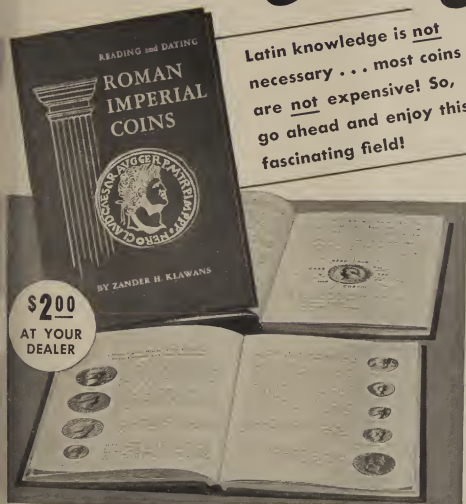
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### Question:

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—Mrs. P. B. L., Virginia

**Answer:**  
The coin you have is a California Pioneer old coin, a 25¢ piece. If it is genuine, it is worth about \$2.00.

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**Question:**  
Please give me information on the following coins. Silver dollars 1900, 1882; Columbian half dollars 1892, 1893; large \$5.00 bill 1914; dimes 1866, 1859; and 10 ore 1892 of Sweden.

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**Answer:**  
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**Question:**  
I have a number of old coins. Would you please advise me as to their worth. Two large Canadian pennies 1883 and 1859; American pennies quarter size 1845 and 1880; two two-cent pieces 1866 and 1885.

—Mrs. L. J. P.

**Answer:**  
The Canadian cents are worth 2¢ each. Large cents (US) 1845, 15¢; 1881, 2¢ 1866 2 cents, 10¢. There is no 1885 2¢, it must be 1865 and is worth 5 cents.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**  
Please tell me the value of the enclosed rubbings. The coin is silver and the denomination is French.

—Mrs. M. E. F., California

**Answer:**  
Your coin is a Franc piece of Napoleon, 1812, and worth about \$2.00.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**  
I would appreciate any information you can give me on an old coin I have. The description is (heads) Ferdinand VS II Dei Gratia Rex 1855 (tails) Regni Vtr. Sic. Et Hier 120 (along the side) Providentia Optimi Principis.

—J. C., New York

**Answer:**  
Your Sicilian coin is worth around \$150 in fine condition. It is a "Piastra" or 120 Grani piece.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**  
Will you please tell me the kind and value of this coin (rubbing enclosed). Also an 1864 two-cent piece that I am told is the first make of a coin with "In God We Trust" on it. And three British coins with the bust of Victoria on them. The dates are 1854, 1853 and 1855.

—J. M. Y., North Carolina

**Answer:**  
The illustrated coin is a Byzantine copper piece and worth about 25¢. The 1864 2¢, if common variety, is worth 5¢. The English copper pieces are worth 2¢ each.

—C. F., New York

stopping in to see all the dealers and collectors he knew. Exchanging gossip by the hour on the rise and fall of the commemoratives, keeping charts of each commemorative movement from month to month, and constantly being on the look out for those that he thought were good buys. Can you remember the rush in those days to get the many new commemoratives that were being sent out by the commissions? We thought we were very lucky to secure two sets of the rare Boones, 1935/34 D&S at the commission price of \$3.70 per set, and indeed we were, for they sold within six weeks for \$60 per set!

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## BACK NUMBER MAGAZINES

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News-Gatherer—February 18, 1882. wholly devoid of merit. If these views were not directly taught in the juvenile literature of our fathers, at all events they were never directly or indirectly attacked. Boys could learn nothing from their story books except preposterous platitudes - nothing that was of any practical use, or that tended to develop in them manly and brilliant traits. No such complaint can be made of the dime and half-dime novels of the criminal school which are now read by all our boys either openly or secretly. In these delightful stories new forms of profanity and slang are taught in the most effective way. The pleasures of burglary and highway robbery, the manliness of gambling and fighting, and the heroism of successful lying, are set forth in what is regarded by youthful readers as glowing eloquence; while the "great" truths that all parents are tyrants; that all religious people are hypocrites, and that disobedience to fathers and teachers is obedience to the nobler instincts of juvenile nature, are sedulously taught. Such stories as these develop all that is manly and lawless in our boys, and teach them lessons that cannot fail to be of immense service to them in whatever criminal career they adopt."

We have heard of things being damned by faint praise but this is condemnation by agreement. But it shows that the moral and the liberal factions have been fighting to control literature for many years. As one of a generation that knew the nickel-novel of a generation following the Beacon editorial I believe that the Wide-Awakes; Pluck and Luck; Brave and Bold; Do and Dare; Young Wild West; and the Liberty Boys of '76 taught morals while being entertaining, and sex was taboo. This cannot be said of the comics or the paper novels of today. Bertha M. Clay; Mrs. E.D.E.N. Southworth or the Duchess would never have permitted Hollywood glamour on the covers of their books let alone the modern art of book covers that would have shocked even the admirers of barber shop calendars in the days of barber shop quartettes and private shaving mugs. Today the comics for children are no worse than the books their parents read and the tabloid journals, newspapers with actual crime photographs, that bring news to many homes. Some comics, and certain novels and newspapers leave little to the imagination.

**ADVERTISING CARDS.** Old Albums, Advertising Posters.—Woody Gelman, 247 W. 46th St., New York 36, New York. j64299

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## PLAYING CARDS

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cards made regardless of their low price.

There have been minor plate changes which add to the interest of the cards. "Cupid" was first issued in 1894, and continued thru 1897. This card illustrated Cupid riding his Bicycle over the grass. In 1898 plates were again made, and this time Cupid was shown riding his bicycle over a diamond design pavement. Generally there are minor line or shadow changes when plates are remade but rarely are there such outstanding differences. The shades have a wide range of variances—reds range from carmine to scarlet.

During the first World War the designs were "Flying Ace," "Dreadnaught," "Big Gun" and "Invincible" (a big tank). These are very scarce items here, as almost all of the entire printing was sent overseas for the Armed Forces. These were issued in 1918.

The Magician Supply Manufacturers have made cards, using the Rider design. One card shows the Rider back design on half of the card, while the other half have suit signs. These apparently are made by some method of off-set printing process.

The Acorn design shows the stem turned up on a red card on the reverse side. This card was sent to the U.S. Playing Card Company and they advise it is not Bicycle quality and was not made by them. It is such an excellent copy that it appears identical with the exception that the design is in reverse and even a novice can see on examination that the paper or cardboard is not the same as the regular "Acorn" card.

"Bird" is another card in the writer's collection, which is copied by some process which appears to be an off-set of some sort. There is a slight variation in size of frame when compared to the real Bicycle "Bird." The outlines are ragged instead of being sharp and clean as in the real Bicycle "Bird." The color is not the same definite blue and white as it should be. The paper appears to be a more porous type and not the hard surface characteristic of the Bicycle quality.

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A descriptive book has recently been issued by Mrs. Joe L. Robinson picturing each design and listing the colors in which each design has been issued. This makes collecting a pleasure and so much easier because the collector can identify the cards and not wonder whether an item is a Bicycle or an interesting reversible. Dates and other pertinent data is included. If you have not started your Bicycle collection now is the time to do so. If you have not gotten your booklet it would be wise not to delay because most of the lists of this nature are limited issues and are rarely reprinted.

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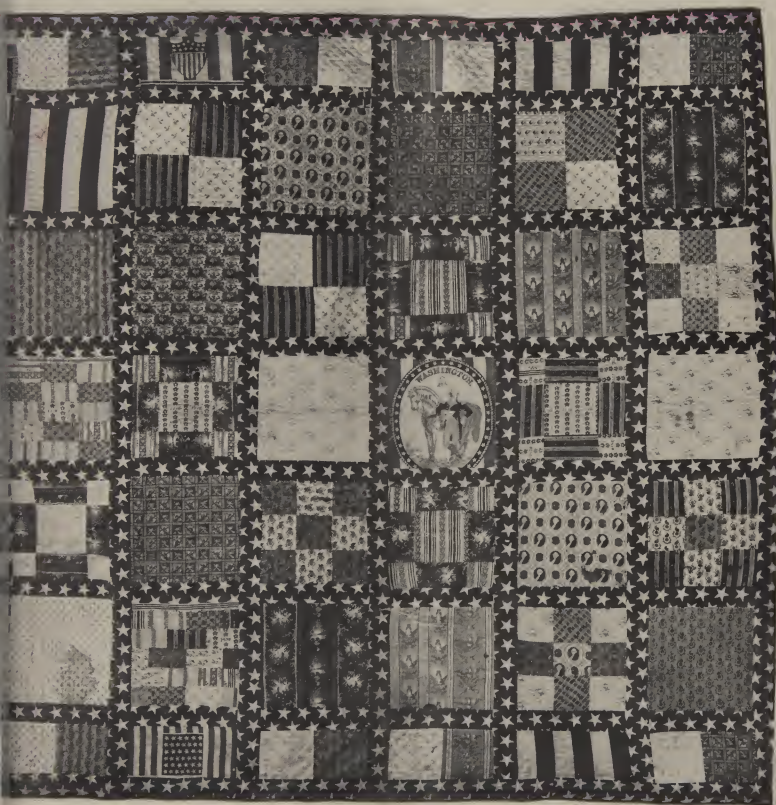
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## American Bank

By F. W. GRIFFITH



Mechanical banks which are objects such as a Camera, Locomotive, Pistol, or Sewing Machine form a very limited number of banks. As we reach No. 37 in our numerical classification we come to one of these banks, namely the American Bank or Sewing Machine.

The bank shown is from a privately owned collection in Maryland and was obtained from an antique dealer in that State. It is in fine original condition with no repairs and good paint. There are no patent dates, numbers, or any type of marks on the bank. Also, to the best of the writer's knowledge, there are no patent papers or old catalogs that refer to the bank. So any clues to its designer or manufacturer are up to now not known. As a matter of fact it is very possible that the bank was not sold commercially as a toy savings device.

The writer in an effort to trace it through contacted Mr. Thomas H. Palmer, Director of Division of Corporate Organization and Registration, Department of Corporations and Taxation, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This was to find out about the American Sewing Machine Company with the possibility they put the bank on the market themselves. Not much could be learned, however. The Corporation, American Sewing Machine Company, was chartered April 18, 1854 under Chapter 330 of the Acts of 1854 and it was dissolved March 31, 1931 by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 1931. No other statistics were available due to the fact that the Corporation has been out of existence so long.

The setup of the bank, the design or the way it is made also offer no direct identity to any particular de-

signer or manufacturer. So until such time as more information turns up it is the writer's opinion that the bank has a direct connection with the American Sewing Machine Company itself and was very probably made as an advertising item.

The bank shown has an overall color of black except for the decorations. The raised lettered name "American" is painted in gold. The two fancy decorations are in red and green and the striping is done in gold.

The operation consists of turning the crank and in so doing the pulley revolves moving the needle up and down. Coins are dropped into the slot as shown but have no connection with the mechanism. This, of course, brings up the point that technically the bank is a semi-mechanical based on the generally accepted theory of what actually constitutes a mechanical bank. However, long standing tradition and the fact that it is a very interesting item as a bank has kept it in the mechanical group. The writer is not prone to change this. After all, the Camera Bank, for example, has no connection between the coin and the mechanism, and the Safety Locomotive is another borderline between mechanical and semi-mechanical. So, along with these two banks, the individual can form his own opinion as to the American Bank being mechanical or semi-mechanical.

To sum up, the American Bank is a scarce, rather difficult item to find and its unknown background and possible connection to the American Sewing Machine Company add to the desirability to have one in a collection.

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# NUMISMATICS

## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

The finding of coin hoards throughout the world, and their subsequent study, is of the greatest importance to the study of archaeology and other subjects of antiquity. They throw important light upon details of their times which very possibly were hitherto unknown. These hoards are very frequently turned up in European countries, particularly where civilization is known to have existed back to ancient times. It is not too frequent that rarities are newly discovered that are of high numismatic value, for coins found under these circumstances are either usually found in great quantities, or in a very bad state of preservation.

A hoard discovered in the summer of 1952 in the North of Iceland, consisted of small silver bars, small sheets of silver with stamped in dots, and six broken pieces of silver coins, two fragments of which belonged to the same coin. One of the pieces was an Otto-Adelheid coin from Saxony, Germany, and the rest were Dirhems. Only one of the Dirhems, a small coin of the Middle East or Mohammedan countries, has been identified and has been attributed to Samanid, Prince Nasir Ibn Ahmed (AD 913-942) and the Khalif Al-Muktadir (AD 908-932). These pieces and the Otto Adelheid coin indicate that the hoard must have been buried around 1000 AD, or shortly thereafter.

The era from A.D. 500 to A.D. 1300 apparently was a period in which many hoards were buried. It was an era of great uncertainty. Most any of these hoards can shed some light upon the monetary and economic history of their time.

More than 55,000 coins have been found in the excavations of the Athenian Agora, and it has been found that there were but 15 Roman Republican pieces, over 18,000 Roman Empire pieces, 9 imitations or counterfeit, nearly 4800 coins of the Vandals, and over 11,000 coins of the Byzantine Empire, with 37 counterfeits. This find, has brought to light many new or unusual mint marks and varieties that hitherto were not known or catalogued.

A hoard of 268 medieval pennings and 36 half pennings belonging to the Salzburg Territories of Carinthia were found recently, and seem to have been buried around A.D. 1170. It was noted that some of the pennings had been cut in half indicating the need of smaller change.

In a hoard discovered sometime ago at St. Olavs Vollin Sarpsborg, Norway, coins were found that came from the Byzantine Empire, England, Friesland, (Netherlands); Rhineland, Westphalia, Lower Saxony, Thuringia, France, Swabia and Bavaria. It is interesting that at the time they were buried, coins from so far away could have been accumulated in Norway.

A find, in 1952 in Belgium of 53 gold coins and 206 silver ones indicated that 40 of the gold coins had come from outside the low countries and over half of them from the Iberian Peninsula. One fifth of the coins were dated 1577 to 1582 and it is presumed that the hoard was buried in 1582 or very close to that date.

Sometime ago a hoard was found among the rocks of Zaborc near Turnov, Czechoslovakia, of 50 coins most of them small groschen and pfennigs. They are dated in the 16th century for the most part.

A hoard was discovered in 1950 that seems to have been buried during the last three years of the Thirty Years War in Radvane, district Ceska Lipa, Czechoslovakia, which had 179 silver coins of the period. The coins had come from Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia, Lower Austria, Tyrol, Styria, Saxony, Poland, Hungary, and the Low Countries. The newest coin was dated 1645.

Another hoard of 332 silver coins and one gold piece was discovered in 1949 at Klenicebrook under Kost Castle near Sobotka. These pieces were from Tyrol, Saxony, Poland, and the low countries and the latest coin was a Groschen of Ferdinand III, dated 1639.

A very important hoard was found sometime ago of 564 Czechoslovakian and 69 Bavarian coins. The Czech pieces were all Deniers and the Bavarian coins half Bracteates and all were coined during the twelfth century. This important find is the basis for the monetary history of the period.

A hoard of 78 silver plated copper dirhems struck in A.D. 617 (Mohammedan date) by Shah Muhammad of Khwarazm at Tirmidh in Uzbekistan is of great interest as coins by this ruler struck at this mint were previously unknown. The copper plated coin also verifies the great shortage of silver in the near and central east during the 12th and 13th centuries.

In England, recently, a mechanical excavator working upon a road uncovered a hoard of 14 gold coins and 124 silver pieces of the 14th century. All of the coins were struck during 1351 and 1363 and are of Edward III. Another hoard of 503 coins from Edward VI to Charles I found in Farnborough. The contents of the hoard was mainly silver coins and were not in very excellent condition, due to the nature of the soil in which they had been buried. These coins have thrown much light on the suspected prosperity of the time. Another important hoard was discovered sometime ago that was almost a collection of coins in itself, for it contained, an unusually complete run of Elizabethan sixpences, silver groats, half crowns, shillings and smaller coins, including a Scottish forty penny piece of Charles I and four Irish coins, in fact, nearly all the pieces were different.

We, in America, are not used to the discoveries of coin hoards as are Europeans, for our civilization has not been here long enough to have such huge quantities of old coins buried over the centuries.

Many people wonder why coins many hundreds and in some cases thousands of years old can be purchased for so little. It is the constant unearthing of such hoards that keeps the value of very old coins down. True, some which are very rare and seldom unearthed and most likely rare when they were made demand fabulous prices but these are few and far between.

There are opportunities on the American Continents, and under the sea for the recovery of rare coin hoards, and the value of any such hoards, if discovered, would most likely be a lot greater than these early European finds, for these were the small and in most instances base coins that circulated during the Dark Ages and Medieval times, for very few coins of gold were made or used, people were too poor. In America, hidden hoards would, for the most part be gold and in some instances silver. The vast treasures of the Spanish Main, of which a goodly amount went down under the waves, can still be recovered as time goes on. More was captured by the pirates and freebooters of the times, of which a large quantity still lies buried in one place or the other. Any of these coins, would be worth a small fortune when recovered.

Another source of buried hoards, not as yet looked into to any great extent was in Pioneer days of the West. Then gold dust and coins were transported by stage and frequently stolen by holdup men. A large amount undoubtedly was buried and never recovered. Also, miners and others, with the absence of a safe place to keep their money, frequently buried their wealth in gold dust and coin under their cabins and in other places. Just imagine discovering a hoard of many California fifty dollar gold slugs in one of those abandoned long forgotten cabins! Might be worth a look into!



# QUIZ CORNER

By CHARLES FRENCH

Coin questions answered gratis. If you wish reply by mail, enclose 10c to defray costs. Do not mail us coins in question, please.

## Question:

An enclosing rubbings of two medals. Could you tell me what they are and are they of any value? Both are bronze. The one with the triangle I have had in my possession for fifty years and the one with the Kaiser's picture was found on the battlefield in Germany.

—Mrs. W. W. R. Iowa

## Answer:

The first piece is not a medal but a token with Zodiak emblems thereon. Probably used as a good luck charm of some sort. The second is a medal Kaiser William of Germany commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birthday of William I.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have a few foreign coins which I would like to know the value of. Farthing, English, 1938; half penny, British, 1920; one franc, France, 1898; two francs, France, 1932; two francs, France, 1943; one penny, British, 1936; ten cents, France, 1900; C-20 Italy, 1912; pfennig 5, German, 1900; ten, German, 1939; rentenpfennig 5, German, 1924; 1 penny, German, 1941; pfennig 5, German, 1876; 10 Cen, Belgium, 1905. I also have a bronze coin the size of our American silver dollar with the following inscription "Commemorating the opening of the Panama Canal to the Commerce of the World." This medal copyrighted and bearing a serial number is one of 50,000 carried on the vessel making the first passage through the Panama Canal as authenticated in certificate. Serial no. 20146. This medal is signed by the Chief Engraver. If of any value I would like to know.

—Mrs. T. S., Minnesota

## Answer:

All of the coins you list are quite common being worth from 2c to 5c each. The Panama Canal medal is worth about 50c.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Would you tell me if this Italian coin has any value? It has a man's head on one side with the words, Vittorio Emanuele III Re D'Italia, and on the other side, C 5, 1921.

—H. P., Michigan

## Answer:

The Italian five centime coin is a 1/20th of a lire and there are three to four lira to the cent.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I am curious to know why some foreign coins have holes in them. I have coins with holes in them from Italy, Eire, and Iceland. I would also like to know the value of the following Canadian coins, small nickels of the early 1900's, large cent dated 1900 with picture of Victoria, large cent dated 1904 with picture of Edward.

—Mrs. C. C. O., Massachusetts

## Answer:

Holes were originally put in some foreign coins so that they could be worn or carried on a string.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Enclosed are some "attempted" rubbings of some coins I came across. Will you please tell me the value of each? How does one make a good "rubbing"? I would like to know the value of a gold coin, 1872 Newfoundland two dollars, two hundred cents, one

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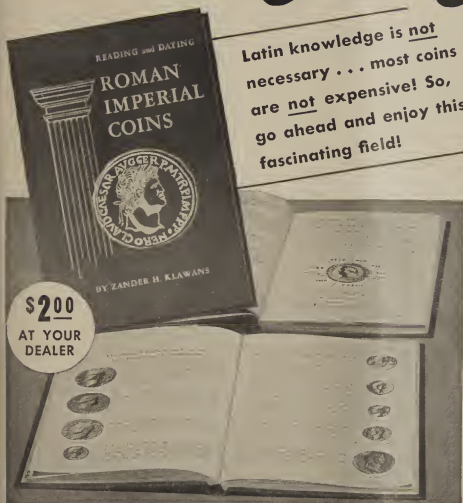
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*E. E. P., Massachusetts*

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*—C. F., New York*

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*—Mrs. A. G. M., Connecticut*

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*—C. F., New York*

#### Question:

Enclosed are rubbings of two coins, one a fifty centavo Philippine coin dated 1856 and the other an 1855 U.S. half dollar.

*—D. F., Indiana*

#### Answer:

The Philippine coin is worth 15¢, the half dollar 75¢.

*—C. F., New York*

#### Question:

I have a Flying Eagle penny. These I understand were only made in 1856, '57, and '58. The date on mine is very clear. It is 1853. It is thought by my friends that it is an 1858 coin that has been changed. Is it possible that it could be an 1853?

*—K. B., Michigan*

#### Answer:

I regret that your cent has to be an 1858 for no eagle cents were coined in 1853 of that design.

*—C. F., New York*

#### Question:

Enclosed are some rubbings of some coins that I own. I would appreciate knowing something about them and their approximate worth.

*—W. P. T., Maryland*

#### Answer:

The coins No. 1 and No. 2 are worth \$2 each; the Mex. coin No. 3 with hole is only worth silver value about 20¢ the Mexican coin No. 4 is worth 50¢; and the French 5 francs 75¢.

*—C. F., New York*

#### Question:

Would you kindly advise me the value of an 1852 and an 1853 gold U.S. one dollar pieces. Also an octagon shaped half dollar inscribed "California Gold." This piece is smaller than the one dollar pieces.

*—B. L., Idaho*

#### Answer:

Your gold dollars are worth \$5. each, and the half dollar is worth \$2.

*—C. F., New York*

#### Question:

Can you tell me anything of this medal which is the size and color of a silver dollar. It has the design of a man's head on one side, and the Statue of Liberty on the other.

*—G. B., New York*

#### Answer:

The piece you have is a medal either in silver or white metal. I would say the medal would be worth, if in silver about \$1; if in white metal about 25¢.

*—C. F., New York*

#### Question:

Enclosed is a rubbing of a gold piece. The date is 1852. I don't know if it was ever carried or not, but it seems to be in perfect condition. Please give its valuation.

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**Question:**

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—Mrs. C. A. C., Louisiana

**Answer:**

Unfortunately your half dollar is worth face value only, and the brass token is very common and valueless.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**

I have a 1951-D one cent piece in which the "D" is solid in the middle. I have seen very few of these coins. The ones I have seen range from 1950 to 1952. Could you tell me if it has any premium value for collectors? I also have a German coin. On one side it has a wreath with the inscription "1 mark" in the middle of it. At the top of the wreath it has the words "Deutsches Reich." On the other side of the coin it has a bird with a crown. The coin date is 1891.

—D. D., Ohio

**Answer:**

The solid "D" is caused by a die break when it was coined. The quan-

tity that were made would determine its value. It is of collector's interest but not worth more than a few cents unless it ultimately is determined that there are very few of them, and the demand high. This is not the case now.

The German piece is common and worth very little.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**

In looking over my old coins I have quite a few foreign ones and I am not too interested in collecting them now, but someone else might like some of what I have. I have three Liberty seated dimes 1888, 1890, 1891; a Liberty seated 50 cent piece 1853 with arrows, and an 1883 quarter.

What could I buy a 1909 VDB Lincoln cent for? Also a 1914-S, 1909-S. These are all I need for my collection.

—Mrs. B. L. C., Iowa

**Answer:**

In looking over the pencil rubbings of the foreign coins I find none that are of any particular value. Such minor foreign coins usually sell for from 1¢ to 5¢ each. The Canadian quarter if used is worth face value. The L. S. dimes 15¢ each; two quarters 30¢ each. All in good condition.

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—C. F., New York

**Question:**

Can you give me the value of this Danish coin and where it can be sold? Date 1654, II Marck Danske on one side and Dominus Provi De Bit on the other.

—Mrs. W. E. K., Iowa

**Answer:**

You neglected to mention what the metal was in the Danish coin but from your rough sketch I believe it is silver, a 2 mark piece. Condition also determines its value, and if it is good it would be worth 50¢.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**

I am sending a rubbing of a half cent coin for valuation. Please tell me its worth.

—Mrs. W. C. S., Jr., Texas

**Answer:**

The coin you have is not a half cent coin but a California gold half dollar (if genuine) and as illustrated is worth about \$2.50.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**

Please give me the value of the following, each in good condition. The "Pope's Note" one dollar bill, series of 1917, during Harding's administration; (Pope's face; some call it Dorety bill) and a 1893 Columbian half dollar.

—Mrs. M. P., Massachusetts

**Answer:**

The Columbian half dollar in used condition is of no premium value. The 1917 one dollar bill only of premium

value; premium it is in crisp new uncirculated condition.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**

I have in my possession a one dollar bill, serial No. N15732008 G Series 1935 D. The face of the bill is printed normally, however, the printing is cockeyed on the back as shown by the enclosed. Please advise whether this bill is worth more than face value.

—C. B. M., California

**Answer:**

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**PHONOGRAPHS WANTED:** Cylinder—Concert—Catalogs, cylinder records, long Columbia Cylinder Records.—Millers, 1017 Westgate Road, Troy, Ohio. jly3272

# GEMS & MINERALS

(Continued from page 120)

overlook localities of the previously mentioned colors, the reds will be found on any pebbly beach, or stream and usually the brown sards. Mixed colors, too, may be expected on any such area. A type called brecciated jasper, is made of angular fragments of stone cemented together by other silicate material. The original fragments are usually of one color and the cementing medium another. In Stone Canyon located in southern San Benito County of California, there are brecciated jaspers with two and sometimes three different colored fragments cemented by clear or white or even bluish silica. Then we come to the type where solid colored jasper and agate are all intergrown or mixed. These are called jasp-agate. The variety is far beyond scope of this article. Mossy, jasp-agate is a highly prized type used by both the amateur and the commercial lapidary for jewelry sets. The "moss" is the opaque material in the agate and it may be of any color with the agate usually milky, clear or of some faint tint.

The moss may be of any color, or two or more colors may occur in a small piece. These are found along the Straits of Jaun de Fuca, in Washington, as well as the Pacific beaches, occasionally on Puget Sound and in abundance in the Chahalis region. Oregon's beaches have a great variety, and Shell Beach, and Redondo Beach in California have both produced quantities and in great variety. Nor are they limited to the beaches. The streams of west-central California are rich with them. Idaho's Chahalis region, and near Caldwell, has beautiful jasp-agate. Nor can we overlook the region about Loreda in Texas or the Pan-handle country. For other localities, we recommend the American Mineral Guide which covers each state of the Union, listing where all types of gem materials may be found.

Of all the jasper types, the most interesting and next to white, the most rarely found, is the type with round orbs. This type is called orbicular jasper. The large orbs, that is up to more than an inch in diameter, has been accepted as Egyptian jasper. Another variety with small orbs and a metallic background is called Kinradite. In the former, the type that occurs at Morgan Hill south of San Francisco, is the best known. Its orbs may be red center and yellow outer circle in a deep crimson background, or the reverse. Further south green orbs in a tan background are found. In the Ellensburg region, light green orbs in a white background. At Agate Beach, (Wash.) there are green orbs in a very pale green background. Again, the variety is too large to cover. The Kinradites, too, are in many color types. The more frequent is a red orb that may be as small as a pin-point or up to

**LOTTERY TICKETS.** Whitlock's, New Haven, Conn. jy369

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a quarter of an inch in diameter. They are frequently found on the beaches north of the Golden Gate. Then the background may be greenish jasper, with red orbs or dark red jasper with light red orbs. A type found at Shell Beach has a black background, with red orbs and a white center. Light tan orbs in a dark brown background are found there, too. Anyone desiring to specialize, could find nothing more attractive to work, or in the case of Kinradites; more challenging to collect.

## AUTOGRAPHS

(Continued from page 109)

Coleridge to his patron, Beaumont. The letter is from Keswick, dated October 1, 1803, and the time is noted: 11:00 o'clock. Judging by the length of the letter, Coleridge must have taken hours to write it. I wish he had mentioned the finishing time as well as the starting time. Coleridge was very depressed and he unburdened his troubles, caused by opium and financial straits, to his sympathetic patron. Also on display is Wordsworth's poem, "Ye Lime-Trees," inspired by an avenue of

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newly planted trees at Coleorton, Beaumont's country home.

Another major acquisition by the Library during the year was the William Ernest Henley Archive. This consists of over 500 items—manuscripts and letters of Henley, James M. Barrie, Henry James, Rudyard Kipling, Andrew Lang, Auguste Rodin, Oscar Wilde, and other important literary figures of the last half of the 19th Century. Henley and Robert Louis Stevenson were particularly close friends and on exhibition is a Henley manuscript with pencilled comments by R. L. S. A manuscript copy of Henley's great poem, "Invictus," is on display. Titled "A Thanksgiving," it is written neatly on lined paper, evidently copied out with a group of poems as there are several verses preceding this poem. Henley has dated it 10-4-75. Many love letters of Henley to his wife, Anna, before and after their marriage, are included with this group.

There are two significant collections of letters of John Ruskin: one to the Honorable and Mrs. William Cowper-Temple; the other to students of the Winnington Hall School for Girls. In some of the letters Ruskin discusses his unhappy love for Rose La Touche. It is interesting to note that Ruskin has signed some of the letters "St. C." This stands for St. Chrysostom (of the Golden Pen). Rose referred and reduced this pseudonym humorously to St. Crumple!

Admirers of Walter Savage Landor will appreciate anew the depth of his feeling for Rose Aylmer when they read his letter to his niece, Catherine Landor, on January 30, 1863. On his eighty-eighth birthday Landor writes of his grief at the death of Mrs. Sophia Paynter, half-sister of his beloved Rose who had died in Calcutta in 1800. "I first saw her when she was only six years old, walking on the burrows at Swansea, led by her sister, Rose Aylmer, ten years older. I was not indifferent to Rose nor Rose quite to me. Four of the eight lines I wrote on her death were engraved on her tomb at Calcutta." The famous lines are: "Rose Aylmer, whom these wakeful eyes May weep, but never see, A night of memories and of sighs, I consecrate to thee."

The Library has an unusually fine collection of the manuscripts and letters of W. S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. On display is a letter of Gilbert to Mrs. Bram Stoker in which he states flatly that he will never write another libretto even "if Mozart rose from the dead."

Autograph collectors who plan to be in New York during the summer will, I am sure, enjoy seeing the Library's current exhibition. Located at 33 East 36th Street, between Madison and Park Avenue, the Library is open free to the public from 9:30 to 5:00 daily, including Saturdays. It is closed Sundays, legal holidays, and on Saturdays during July and August. Collectors should, however, plan their trip before or after August as the library is closed during that month.

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## The Preacher in the Pulpit Bank

By F. W. GRIFFITH

The Preacher In The Pulpit Bank, No. 38 in our numerical classification of mechanical banks is another example of the group whose mechanical operation is caused to occur by the weight of a coin. This is always a very interesting group of mechanical banks since a coin is such a necessary part of the action and essential to the operation. The Preacher In The Pulpit, as well as the Bank Teller Bank, are the outstanding mechanical banks in this interesting group, and, in addition, both are very rare.

There are no patent dates or markings of any kind on the Preacher In The Pulpit, however, it was covered by the same patent papers as those covering the Bank Teller Bank. The action and type of operation is identical in both these banks. It seems to have been generally assumed that the figure of the man on each bank was the same, however, this is not the case as can be seen by comparing the pictured bank with that of the Bank Teller as shown in the classification article covering this bank. The patent papers were issued August 1, 1876

to Mr. A. C. Gould of Brookline, Mass. Until such time that evidence to the contrary might possibly turn up we can attribute the manufacture of the Preacher In The Pulpit to the J. and E. Stevens Co. of Cromwell, Conn. To date, to the best of the writer's knowledge, there have been no old catalogs or other type of material that picture or refer to the bank to identify it positively with a particular manufacturer.

A note of special interest is the fact that the patent papers as issued to Mr. Gould cover a bank in which the figure of a man would tip his hat in addition to the other action. Apparently this had been given serious consideration when the Preacher In The Pulpit Bank was actually made since the right hand which is raised to the head is a separate casting held in place by a pin inserted through the two-part casting of the arm. It is the writer's belief that the hat-tipping part of the action was discarded since it would place a strain on the rest of the mechanism whereby the weight of a coin would not be sufficient to cause the bank to operate properly. Also of interest is the point that the bank apparently has been called the Preacher In The Pulpit largely due to the position of the right arm and hand. Actually this has nothing to do with the figure representing a Preacher. The upraised arm had only to do with the man in the act of tipping his hat. In pointing this out it is not the writer's intent to change the name of the bank. After all, collectors have given the bank its present name and it is descriptive and appropriate under the circumstances.

The bank shown is from the fine collection of Mr. L. C. Hegarty. It formerly was in the collection of the late Dr. Arthur E. Corby. It is in fine condition and the paint is unusually good for such an early fragile bank. The flat unusual shaped base is painted black and the desk-like coin container is red with black outlining. The top of the container is black outlined with gold. The figure of the man has a black coat, grey trousers, and the tray in his left hand is gold. His shirt is white with a blue tie and gold buttons. The face and hand coloring are natural and he has black hair and moustache.

The operation of the bank, like the Bank Teller, is not particularly spectacular. The coin is placed on the tray and the weight causes the left arm to lower. At the proper point the coin slides from the tray into the receptacle shown in the picture. As the arm lowers the man tilts his head forward. When the coin is deposited the arm and head automatically return to their normal position as in the picture. The spring mechanism inside the figure of the man is rather delicate and it must be in perfect working order to operate properly.

All in all the Preacher In The Pulpit is an interesting fine rare bank and like some of the others offers a real challenge to the collector in trying to find one. To the best of the writer's knowledge the specimen pictured is the only known one to have turned up so far. A main contributing reason for its rarity is the fact that it is a very fragile easily broken bank. Also it is an early item and it's possible that there were not many manufactured.



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# NUMISMATICS

## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

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The ANA as they are known, are the first to have annual conventions. These are held at given spots throughout the United States during the summer and for those attending are a delight. Such conventions have displays of well known collectors from all over the country, the coins appearing there are beautiful and worth thousands of dollars. Then there is always a bourse where dealers from all over the country rent table space and have to offer their coins, trading, buying and selling is always high during such a convention. There is always a fine auction sale held in conjunction with such a convention. In addition, there are all kinds of outside activities, tours, of the city, theatre goings, etc., etc., to keep the idle hours busy, and then finally the convention banquet is the climax of the gathering. During the last few years a great many different and new conventions have sprung into being. Their design was to encourage collectors of certain given areas to get together once or twice a year to hobnob, buy, sell and trade. One of the first of these regional convention associations was the Central States Numismatic Association that started in Chicago, Ill. The organization now has a large annual convention almost second to none.

I do not have a list of all the convention associations, but shall list those I am acquainted with. One of the older associations, the NENA, or New England Numismatic Association, is comprised of members of coin clubs in the New England States. Their annual conventions are held in different New England cities, in the fall. ESNA, or Empire State Numismatic Association has two conventions each year, in the spring and fall, and so far all have been held in Syracuse, N. Y. A few years ago

MANA, or Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association, was incorporated to serve the entire eastern seaboard of the United States. It is growing rapidly. They hold annual fall conventions in large cities. Last year it was in Washington, D. C. This fall it will be held in Philadelphia. Last May, a new regional convention was started, which is known as the Metropolitan New York Numismatic Convention, which is comprised of collectors of New York State and coin clubs of the Metropolitan district. Its success exceeded by far the expectations of the organizers. The bourse was filled with dealers, some having come from California, Texas, Illinois, and other states of the Union. Dealing and trading was very active, the displays were of the finest, with a great many celebrated rarities on view. The auction sale which contained many great rarities, was well attended and bidding was very active. There were over 150 attending the banquet with door prizes, and other awards for displays.

Such regional conventions encourage coin collecting, enable collectors to meet fellow collectors, and meet the dealers they are buying coins from. They broaden the scope of knowledge about the hobby, and conventions like these should spring up all over the country, for we collectors and dealers feel that the more there are of us, the better the hobby becomes. It is pretty near impossible to determine how many collectors of coins there are in the country, but I venture to say there are a great many more than anyone figures. Many of these are "individual" collectors who never meet any fellow, but enjoy the hobby "hermit" style.

It is a well known fact that hobnobbing with fellow collectors stimulates interest. We have today, the coin clubs that are made up of col-

lectors; these in turn support the regional conventions, who then support the national convention. Let's have more regionals, for the boosting of coin collecting.

Attending conventions and club meetings also enables one to "feel" the exact status of the coin market. Mingle with others and learn the true values of coins.

There have been many fine collections bought by unscrupulous "pickers" for too small a price just because the collector still valued his coins by his scale of values of say ten or twenty years ago. It has always been my opinion that a visit to one of these conventions, even if only for one day, would give the selling collector knowledge of values. He will learn from association about coins that may be at the moment not popular, which are skyrocketing in value and which are dormant.

Some collectors lose because, they would rather trust a stranger who comes to the door with cash in his hand than send their collection, through the mails to a reputable dealer. Frequently, the cash in hand door purchaser, won't give you the best price, for remember also he has time and traveling expenses to deduct out of what he pays you for your coins.

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# QUIZ CORNER

By CHARLES FRENCH

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## Question:

Will you please tell me what these rubbings of three Chinese coins or medals mean? Are they worth anything? Also a Chinese bank note serial No. FN917662 with four Chinese characters above and three characters in center and a picture of a Chinese officer on the right end? On the other side is 500 marked on each of the four corners with 500, then five hundred printed over the figure, and the central Bank of China written at the top. A picture of the bank I guess is at the left of the 500 and 1949 below.

—E. R., New Hampshire

## Answer:

The coins you have are of the new independent State of Palestine, and are worth around 10 to 25¢ each. The Chinese note is very common there being lots in this country. And, of course, valueless.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Am enclosing rubbings of an old coin (French) 1792. I do not know just what it is, am not sure I have the inscription correct. Would you please tell me what I have and of what value?

—I. J. G., Michigan

## Answer:

This is one of the first 2 sou coins of the French Revolution. They are quite common here particularly in badly worn condition value was 5¢.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Enclosed are rubbings of two coins. I have been told that one is a one-fourth dollar gold piece and the other a one-half dollar gold piece, (California gold). Would you please give me the correct information on the value of these two coins?

—E. R. P., Minnesota

## Answer:

I regret that your pieces are not

genuine California gold coins, but are known as California gold "charms", and therefore valueless. No California gold coins were struck in these sizes dated 1849.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have a small brass coin or token that I picked up in change in France during W. W. I.; on what I will call the obverse side is an elephant and the word "Depose" on the reverse side is the word "Consommer" the figure "200 c" and the word "cartaux." Herein is also enclosed a rubbing of a coin believed to be a French colonial coin. One side has "Republique Francaise" and date 1883, the other side contains the words "Indo-China Francaise, Poids 10 Gr." Please tell me the value of these coins.

—C. H. R., Illinois

## Answer:

The large coin is of French Indo-China, 1 Centime and worth about 10¢. Yes, the small piece with the elephant is a token of some sort. Not of great value.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

The writer has a small coin collection which includes eight old coins. I am told that they are Chinese medallions made of bronze, brass and copper with gold ornamentation. Also, that all of the inscriptions on the coins are in Chinese.

I have been informed that these coins were made during the Han Dynasty—206 B.C. to 220 A.D.

I am enclosing photographs of these coins and will appreciate anything you can tell me concerning them as to what you think they are, their origin, present value, names of possible purchasers, etc.

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## Answer:

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## Question:

A young friend of mine brought back a medal of some sort from Germany when the second world war was in progress. He has always felt that there would be some sort of history attached to it and would appreciate knowing any facts about it that you might be able to give him, and the worth, if possible.

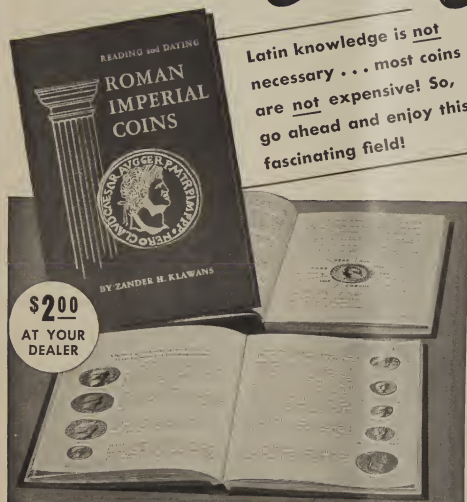
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in identifying the coin or medal. It is in the best of shape, the date is very clearly 1755. This side of the medal bears the lettering Patrona Bavariae. There is a woman's figure which appears to be Mother Mary. She is holding a sceptre in her right hand. On her knee she is holding the little Christ Child. Both figures have halos and the mother is wearing a crown with a cross on its top. The child is holding a round object and a cross is resting on top of this. A glory of reflected light beams are back of both figures.

The reverse side of the medal has on it the figure of a man with long curly hair and he is wearing on his breast a cross which looks something like the Canterbury cross or the Iron cross. The lettering on this side of the medal is like I have shown on slip No. 3. The edge of the coin has deep un worn markings like a laurel wreath.

—G. A. C., California

### Answer:

The coin is a silver Thaler of Bavaria, Maximilian Joseph Ruler of Bavaria and the Holy Roman Empire. It is worth about \$2.00.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I would appreciate knowing if the following items have any value?

1. Large silver coin (about the size of our dollar) marked 1799 Carolus IIII Dei Gratia, reverse—Hispan Et Ind. Rex. M. 8R F. M.

2. Old \$500 bank note marked "The Confederate States of America No. 26463, Richmond, Feb. 17, 1864—B."

3. Old \$10.00 bank note marked "The Confederate States of America No. 5593 (in red ink) Richmond, September 2, 1862—N."

—Mrs. F. C. V., Pennsylvania

### Answer:

The Spanish dollar of 1799 is worth \$2.00 in fine condition; the \$500 Confederate note of 1864 in fine condition is worth \$1.00. The \$10 in fine is worth 10¢.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Will you please let me know if the following described coins have any value: U.S. one cent piece, good condition, 1850; 1836 10 cent piece; 1871 Canadian 1¢ piece, Victoria Queen on front, Prince Edward Island on back;

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The 1850 1¢ is worth 10¢; 1836 10 cents 20¢; 1871 Prince Edward Isle cent 2¢; 1859 Canadian cent has several varieties, commonest is worth 2¢.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

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—N. L., Colorado

#### Answer:

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By HARRY BOSLEY

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It remains a mystery to this day as to how the U. S. mint in Philadelphia was robbed some eighteen years ago of nine twenty-dollar double eagle gold coins. Maybe the coins had "wings of an angel."

The inauguration medals of President Eisenhower were being turned out so fast that they created an explosion, which was caused by overloading the ovens. Ike's popularity certainly went off with a bang.

A cent might be termed as a chip off the old buck.

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## Panorama Bank

By F. W. GRIFFITH



In the recent classification article on the Uncle Remus Bank it was noted that it partially approached a group of mechanical banks so far not covered in any of the articles. This group is the house-building group and as we classify the Panorama Bank as No. 39 in our numerical classification we have the true form of a house bank.

The house-building group of the mechanical banks include, along with the Panorama, such examples as the Magic Bank, Home Bank, Novelty Bank, New Bank, U. S. Bank, Cupola Bank, Halls Excelsior, Wireless, and a few others. While the U. S. Bank and Cupola Bank are somewhat rarer than the Panorama, it is generally conceded that the Panorama is the most desirable and interesting bank in the house-building group.

The name Panorama as applied to the bank is, strictly speaking, somewhat of a misnomer. A panorama is, of course, a view or picture unrolled before one's eyes, hence a complete view in every direction. The bank gives us a series of different pictures on a cylinder form and probably this was the basis of naming the bank Panorama. As a matter of fact the patent papers indicate a connection between the name and the fact that the pictures move into place, each replacing the one previously seen.

The bank was patented by J. D. Butler of Lancaster, Mass., assignor to G. Selchow of New York City and John H. Richter of Brooklyn, N. Y., March 7, 1876. It was manufactured by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. The bank as manufactured varies somewhat from the original patent and sketch, however, the basic mechanism and operating principle are the same. In the papers a prism, a square, and a hexagon are used in connection with the pictures being displayed individually. A different picture, of course, to be on each flat surface. However, as actually manufactured, a cylinder was used and the pictures are on a curved surface.

The bank pictured was obtained some years ago in New England and is in fine original condition with excellent paint and no repairs. The roof is painted red and all windows are outlined in red. Front, back and sides of the house are painted a light blue-green, and the round chimneys are the same color. Other sections, such as the doorway, are outlined in dark brown. The pictures which appear behind the glass covered section are scenes in various colors. These groups of pictures vary and the same ones were not used with all the Panorama Banks made.

The bank operates by inserting a coin in a slot located in the center of the back slope of the roof. Pushing the coin into the slot engages a lever that causes the cylinder to revolve and thus show each picture in sequence. Of course a coin must be used each time to bring a different picture into position. There are six pictures on the cylinder and these show children in various forms of play such as boating, fishing, and the like. Coins are removed by means of a screw held sliding coin trap located in the bottom base.

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A most interesting comparison is their 1923 and 1947 recordings from their greatest success, "Topsy And Eva."

In my collection of recordings of all of the great ones of the past, I have most of "The Duncan Sisters" recordings. At this time, (1955) I need two of the parlophones: Numbers F 1156 and F 1191. Of the H.M.V.'s I must have numbers: B 1419, C 1093, B 2309 and B 2915. But I certainly would pay the price if someone had for sale both of their Columbians! So, please, do let me know! I have several private recordings of them that were never recorded for public sale.

# NUMISMATICS

## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

While auction sales, and conventions (excepting one) usually drop off during the summer months, one large, in fact the largest convention is held during August. The American Numismatic Association holds its annual convention in conjunction with a fine auction sale each summer. This is the only, and more important convention of the year and many collectors and dealers travel from all parts of the country to attend. This year it will be held in Omaha, Nebr. Bebee's, 4514 N. 30th St., Omaha 11, Nebr., has charge of the auction.

The slow down of activity, in summer months, does affect the valuation of coins a little. In this market where coin values are skyrocketing to astronomical heights, the rise seems to taper off, only to resume their rise, when fall approaches, reaching their peak of rise during January, the busiest month of the year in the coin business. Coins are easier to purchase from spring to fall, for many feel the need of vacation money and liquidate part of their purchases for this purpose.

All things do some good, however, and the slow down enables us busy dealers to take a little vacation from the rush and bustle of business.

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Some people are lucky! A retired rancher recently was strolling along the beach south of Morro Bay in California when something glittering like gold drew his attention. Investigation disclosed that it was an octagonal gold piece, half buried in the sand. Three more were found within a few feet of the first one by simply combing the fingers through the sand, and by digging a little deeper there were another three, a total of seven octagonal fifty dollar gold pieces, of the California gold rush days. They were dated 1850 and 1851 and while the report does not say which exact issues they were, the fact that they were octagonal and had "United States of America upon them leads me to believe that they must have been Moffat, Humbert or United States Assay \$50 slugs, and would therefore be worth anywhere between \$500 and \$1650 each. A very nice stroll I'd say! I wonder if any-

one endeavored to dig deeper into the sand to determine whether these seven coins were all there were or just the outcropping of a much larger hoard? Most likely the whole beach has been dug to pieces by now.

We've heard how the pirates of old used to use their henchman to bury their hoards and then kill them to keep the secret—well this original manner does not seem to have originated with those pirates. An old, fabulous fortune in gold and jewels has recently been discovered in the outskirts of Teheran, Iran, by workmen digging in a garden. Valued at many millions, the treasure was covered with the bones of the unfortunate ones who buried it, many centuries ago.

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I see that with all of the recent rumors of the San Francisco mint closing, it still is in operation, but is only coining coins of minor denomination. During March, 1955, this mint struck \$337,600 worth of quarters, \$516,000, worth of dimes, and \$191,100 worth of cents, no nickels or half dollars were struck during that month.

One of the rarest coins in the Canadian series is the 1936 dime with a dot below the wreath. Dots were placed upon the dies of cents, also extremely rare, (1936) nickels 1937; dimes of which heretofore only six were known; and quarters which are scarce. These tiny dots were incised into the dies to identify the change in the coinage of the Canadian series by the mint, but unforeseen by all, the tiny dot rapidly became clogged with something so that they were not visible very long. As was the case with the dime, only six were known to be

struck with the dot showing.

In going over a recent hoard of Canadian coins which we had purchased and in which there were a great many scarce Canadian items such as small cents of the scarce years of 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, quarters of 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, a dime of 1913 with the large leaves, and many other rare and scarce dates and varieties, imagine my surprise when upon close examination I found that there was one of the very rare 1936 DOT dimes! True the coin had seen some wear but was in FINE condition and the DOT is visible although not sharp and very distinct. It has been inspected by several numismatists both with the naked eye and through glasses as high as ten power, and all have pronounced it a dime with the dot. This must have been the seventh coin struck with the incused dot of the dime only partially filled. What a find! Just like the proverbial needle in the haystack! Speaking of Canadian coins, I repeat, watch this series, for there are many sleepers, and varieties that are not as yet recognized that some day are going to be rare items and profit makers.

We are all aware that coins of Mexico for many decades circulated as part of our regular medium of exchange here in the United States: In fact, coins of Mexico and other countries were not outlawed until 1857 and 1858 when they were redeemed by the issuance of the flying eagle cents. Of all of this vast series, only the 8-Real pieces issued under the Spanish domination have become linked with our coinage. These should rightly be classified as such for for a long time more of these 8-Real coins circulated here than did our own silver dollars. Even in the days of the American Revolution and earlier, our paper money offered redemption in "Spanish milled dollars" which were these 8-Real pieces. I wonder when the recognition will spread to the small denominations. Some interest has commenced in 4-Real and 2-Real pieces but what of the coppers struck and circulated at the time? I'd venture to say that finding some of these in choice condition would be well nigh impossible!

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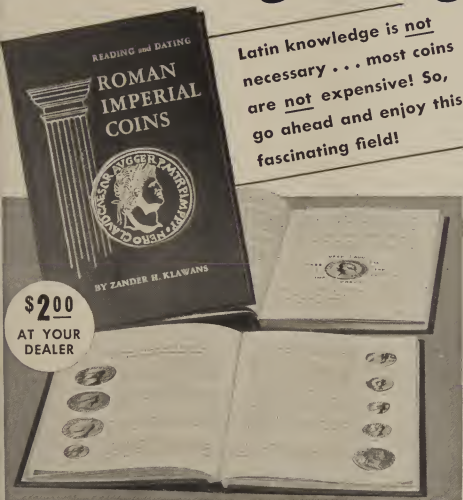
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By CHARLES FRENCH

**Coin questions answered gratis. If you wish reply by mail, enclose 10c to defray costs. Do not mail us coins in question, please.**

## Question:

I have quite a number of old coins. Will you please let me know the value of the following ones?

Half-dime United States of America and wreath on one side, on other side date 1853, thirteen stars and woman with flag. Also a half-dime of 1857 like above.

A piece, size of dollar, one side 5 francs, date 1851 with wreath and Liberte Egalite Fraternite; other side beautiful head of lady with star above head, beads around her neck—republicque Francaise.

A quarter, one side woman with flag, thirteen stars, date 1875; other side flying eagle "United States of America," twenty cents.

Five cent piece, on one side buffalo, five cents, United States of America; other side Indian, "Liberty" and "1916."

A dime, one side United States of America; other side "1842," woman with flag of thirteen stars.

A piece size of fifty cents, one side 1866, flying bird with crown and words "Ein Vereinsthaler Einpfund Feln;" other side a man's head Wilhelm Koenig von Preussen." This coin is in good condition.

Coin, one side 1850, Ein Pfried Fein and picture of two lions and crown; Other side Koeing V. Bayern Maximilian.

A coin about the size of dollar, one side with letters 8R.Z.: 1877 J. S. 10D' 20 G; other side Republica Mexicana flying eagle with twig in mouth.

Penny (large size) lady's head and dated 1853, also thirteen stars; other side wreath, one cent.

I have quite a number of 1861 Indian pennies.

—Mrs. M. M., Wisconsin

## Answer:

Your coins are worth as follows: Half dimes 10¢ each; French 5 francs 75¢; 1875 20 cents, 75¢; 1916 nickel if used face value; 1842 dime 15¢; Prussian vereinsthaler 25¢; 1877 Mexican 8 Reals 40¢; large cent 1853 15¢. The 1861 cents are scarce and their value depends upon their condition.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Would you be kind enough to give me some information on the coins I have? There are two kinds and I have duplicates of them, and they are the same except for size. On the large coin is inscribed Republique\* D' Haitian, 835 Mill, 1894, 5 gram, on the other side Liberte Egalite Fraternite, 20 cent. Four of these large coins are dated 1894, the other 1890. The small coins have the same inscription, but are 2.5 gram. Those dates are 1881, 1882, 1886, 1890, 1894. Are they still using them and are they rare or of any value?

—Mrs. T. E. M., Illinois

## Answer:

The Haitian coins you have are most likely not frequently found in circulation. They are not rare, how-

ever, being worth between 5¢ to 10¢ each.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Would you tell me the worth of the following coins? An 1819 fifty cent piece with a liberty head and neck (good condition), a 1911-S liberty head half dollar with thirteen stars on each side (in different dimensions) and a coin that looks like the enclosed illustration. I believe it is made of copper or bronze and is an old Roman coin. Another inscribed Gorgivs II Rex Britan Nia 1731, bronze, with a man's (Georgivs) head on one side.

Also a Portuguese \$50 coin. It has a ship on one side and a shield on the other, date 1944. An 1852 1¢ piece with liberty on one side (U.S.A.) and a 1687 four pence piece that bears the inscription *Mag Br Fra Et Hib Rex* 1687 with a crown over the four pence sign (III) on the other side is inscribed *Iacobus II Dei Gratia*.

—R. B. M., Texas

## Answer:

Your 1819 half is worth 75¢; 1911-S half, face value. Cannot identify your square bronze piece from the description, 1731 Geo II penny, 25¢; Portuguese coin 25¢; U.S. cent 1852, 15¢; Maundy 4 pence of James II England, 75¢. (Value of coins in good condition).

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Can you tell me if my coins (rub-bings enclosed) have any value?

—Mrs. C. A., Virginia

## Answer:

The half dime is in very poor condition and only worth 7¢; the French coin 10¢; the other coin is not clear but I believe it is a gold piece and if it is it is worth \$2.50.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I am writing to ask if you can give me information as to where I can obtain a list of commemorative coins which have been minted by the U.S. Government and the organizations handling the sale of same.

—V. A. K., Wisconsin

## Answer:

I am enclosing, with my compliments a list I have of all the commemoratives struck through 1940. Since then there have been the 1946 Iowa, and a raft of many years of Booker T. Washington and Washington Carver halves. I do not believe that any commissions are now in operation distributing commemoratives and commemoratives must be purchased either from collectors who have them, or dealers, at the current prices.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

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only poor rubbings. The face has a man's head, with Carol III 1788 D.G. Hisp R around the edge.

—A. A. L., Massachusetts

**Answer:** The California gold quarter of 1869 is worth \$2.00. The other coin is a gold Real of Charles III of Spain, condition determines its value. In the condition it seems to be in, it would be worth only around \$1.50.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

Would you please advise me whether there is a mercury dime with a microscopic "S"? What year, and if any premium?

—W. V., Ohio

#### Answer:

There are a good many varieties to the Mercury dime mint marks and I have heard some collectors mention that there are some with Microscopic "S". However, there is no listing of them as yet and I therefore cannot advise you what dates have them.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

Will you please explain the note described herein, and tell me its value?

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#### Answer:

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However, the condition would be the determining factor in its value and off hand I would say that if it is badly worn its value would not be over one dollar.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

About what is the best book now available that really contains the most full tone illustrations of U.S. coins with the latest data on them. I have reference to a late issue, say 1953 or one to be available about now?

Maybe I am expecting too much, but half tone illustrations do not really show the real beauty of some coins.

Have the values of U.S. commemorative half dollars advanced as much as you had anticipated a few years ago? Do you think that these might advance more in comparison than the other U.S. coins in the near future? Some beautiful specimens have been issued.

I note that a few coin dealers list some U. S. coins with the condition about *uncirculated*, in between extra fine and uncirculated. Yet most of the lists I have do not include about *uncirculated*. They state, "extra fine, uncirculated, proof," in this order for better coins, in each type. To which group do you think one would secure the better coins listed, under condition *extra fine*?

Do those who collect old U.S. coins, gradually change their old coin supply from good to fine to extra fine to proof and uncirculated coins, as they continue their selections? Would I be safe in assuming that considering the investment involved, that the dollar value gain over a period of years would be enough more on uncirculated coins and proof coins, compared to the same coins but of, from good to fine condition?

—W. A. B., Iowa

#### Answer:

The book considered best on U.S. coins is the Guide Book issued by Whitman Publishing Co., 7th Ed., \$1.75. This book has as much as any volumes, and is reasonably priced. Illustrations are about the same in such publications.

The value of commemorative half dollars has skyrocketed to such an extent that one wonders whether they can possibly go higher, let alone, hold their present prices. In our auction sale held on January 30, 1954, these prices were realized for the rarities. 1922 Grant Star \$67.50; 1921 Missouri 2x4, \$44.50; 1928 Hawaii \$61.00! The latter could have been purchased for \$10. a couple of years ago.

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As there are far fewer uncirculated and proof coins these conditioned rise in value much more rapidly than inferior ones, and in the past larger profits were always made on such pieces.

es. Prices are so high today on many old ones, I hesitate to recommend investment. Current new proofs, etc., might be a different story.

—C. F., New York

#### Question:

We have a Persian coin of the Ashkanak period. Would you please tell me the value of the coin?

—R. M. R., California

#### Answer:

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James re-made a good many standard songs and hymns which had been originally recorded for Victor by pioneer singers who included Harry Macdonough and Frederic C. Fremantel. The Shannon Quartet also re-made some Hayden Quartet offerings. Another tenor who was called on for "re-makes" was William Robyn. James told me "Wee Willie's" name should be pronounced Roe-bine, instead of Robin, as most record collectors have always called it.

An especially fine James record is the Edison of "Duna." Another Edison, which, both sides considered, may be the finest semi-classic record he ever made, couples Ernest R. Ball's setting of Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poem, "Who knows?" with the equally beautiful "Look Down, Dear Eyes." But when I mentioned this fine record to Lewis he couldn't remember

making it. My opinion is that he was always great in the charming ballads of Ernest Ball. Those recorded for Edison included "Little Crumbs of Happiness," "Down the Trail to Home, Sweet Home" and "Ten Thousand Years From Now."

During his career James recorded with many singers. His first duet partner was "George Wilson," who also sang as James Harrod, but was better known as "Colin O'More. Then came Charles Harrison; Charles Hart (he probably sang more duets with Hart than with anyone else); Eliott Shaw; Helen Clark; Harold Wiley (a Brooklyn church singer baritone, who died a few years ago, with whom he sang for Pathé); Vernon Archibald; Marcia Freer; Olive Kline (disguised as "Alice Green"); Sam Ash; "Edna Brown" (another name for Elsie Baker); Franklin Baur; Claire Brookhurst; Della Baker; Helen Davis (Mrs. Victor Young); Elizabeth Spencer; Gladys Rice; Celsy Lane Shepherd; and, on one Columbia record, a singer listed as May Meredith. He doesn't remember this soprano, but she may have been Helen Clark. In one of his Victor records he had the backing of the Peerless Quartet (Albert Campbell, Henry Burr, John Meyer and Frank Croton), and as a member of the Shannon Four and Crescent Trio he sang in support of Wendell Hall, Harry C. Browne and Vernon Dalhart, besides artists already mentioned. I may have overlooked others. From the standpoint of both quantity and quality Lewis James has had a remarkable phonographic career.

I have such pleasant memories of my 1951 visit to Chicago that I am thinking of spending another few days there when I take my next vacation. If I do I shall make a point of dropping around at the Tribune Tower and seeing Lewis James. From our one meeting I am sure he makes friends easily and keeps them permanently. I know his HOBBIES admirers will join me in wishing him restored health and many years of congenial activity.

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Famous people have collected musical boxes, including Napoleon. Not long ago Bing Crosby bought a fine old mahogany box with an ebony trim.

# NUMISMATICS

## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

Large cents have been one of the most collected coins throughout the history of numismatics in the United States. Even by such ancestors as were not bona fide coin collectors, the early coppers were the coins saved.

I can remember many fine old gentlemen who were the local "coin collectors." Some kept their collections in cigar boxes, others had graduated to the stage of storing their coins in wooden cabinets with velvet lined trays. The state of condition of their collections was not always the best, but the important thing to these old timers was the "run of dates."

It was acknowledged that the 1799 and 1804 were very rare, and the 1793 scarce, but not too much was thought of the rarity of the rest of the dates. In fact one could make up a collection of all the other dates in average condition for not too much of an investment half a century ago. Other coins might be included in a man's collection but there never was a time the large cents were not his outstanding coins and the "apple of his eye."

If one was permitted to see the collection, it would always be shown either on the dining room table under the hanging lamp, electric, gas, or kerosene, or it might be shown on the kitchen table, where the light usually was better. Light to look at the coins was never very good but a magnifier was always available.

Such a collection would have two or three very choice conditioned pieces, most likely an 1812, or 1814, and sometimes an 1803 or 1807 for these pieces seemed to be easier to get in nice condition at that time. The 1794s, were also usually in nice condition.

The coins would first be laid out in their order and admired as a group, then each piece would be taken up and examined individually. If the collector was a variety specialist the die cracks and other varieties would be painstakingly shown and explained. Such a collection afforded a very pleasant evening.

The interest in the old large coppers seems to have been always prevalent and in the early days a mysterious box with large coppers graced the secret cupboard of nearly every home. They might have been old and battered but they were cherished.

The early cents, those struck from 1793 through 1814 were most scarce and more cherished, for in those early years fewer were coined. A cent dated before 1800 was the real desirable item. But the balance of the years were more prolific, so would be found more frequently inhabiting the coin box or bag.

By comparison, the values of the large coppers were far above coins of other denominations even though they were much less than they are today. When one realizes that the rarer ones, 1799 or 1804, were quoted at \$10 to \$25 the first part of the century, 1000 to 2500 times their face value, while a gold piece of comparable mintage could have been purchased in very excellent condition for very little over face value, one can easily see how popular these cents were.

It is difficult to decide why the large coppers were so popular. Was it their attractive color? The rich variety of copper hues? Was the original desire to have a cachet of small change about for emergency use, at a time when small change was scarce? Or did the coppers gain preference because of their low face value, due to the reluctance of our ancestors to save coins of higher denominational value? I believe all of the above reasons played a part in their popularity.

It would be hard for me to imagine for instance, some New England farmer, making a date collection of ten dollar gold pieces, while I could readily imagine him collecting a date set of large cents. The fact that large cents were coined every year, excepting 1815, is another factor. Early collectors did not like a set of coins with broken date series.

Prior to the first regularly issued large cents a good many experimental pieces were struck. The Nova Constellatio were reputedly struck in England, as were some of the Washington colonials. It took many years to get things organized so the mint could start operating. Even then, shortages of copper were a great hardship.

Copper was shipped from England, Sweden and many other parts of the world. Scrap copper was one of the leading sources of supply, and old ships, and junk yards were busily searched. Old copper ware, too, was sought. It was a profitable pastime to those that did it. Such a variety of copper is the reason for the many shades and hues found on the early coppers.

Prior to 1814 engraving dies, the striking of coins were very crude, and the primitive processes caused the many varieties and die breaks known today. The year 1794 alone had fifty-seven varieties.

The early mint was quite a headache, for it failed to show a profit and its operation resulted in a constant loss to the government. This was due to the early attempts to make the large coppers a true valued

coin, not a token as they are today.

The first large coppers really had one cents worth of pure copper in them and it can readily be seen that the mint would have to coin these pieces at a loss. There was so much complaint that between 1800 and 1802 a good amount of agitation was presented in the form of bills in Congress to have the mint closed completely.

The lack of cents in 1815 was caused by the shortage of copper that was an outcome of the war of 1812. When 1816 commenced, the mint received some fine new coining machinery and with their new methods of coining, new building, and the slightly lighter coins which had been started a decade or more earlier, the mint first started to show a profit. Thousands of coins were now struck each year and for the first time in our history, we find that in 1820 the mint suspended making large cents for six months due to the oversupply then at hand.

While the half cent can be compared with the cent as to its history of coinage, the half cent was never as popular. I believe this was due to its not having been coined as consistently. Even before 1800 there were many years omitted in the half cent series but cents were consistently coined.

The entry of small cents (which really are a token coinage) did not deter the interest in the denomination to any great extent. I do believe the real old timers could never work up the enthusiasm over the first Indian Heads that they did over the large coppers. They did maintain the series but only so they had a coin of every year of issue. Their hearts were in the big pennies.

A collection of large cents, when seen in superb condition cannot be beat for interest and beauty. Choice specimens have acquired a rich glossy hue, some steel colored, some olive, some a rich brown, and some, in my opinion inferior to the others, in original red.

These original red cents are the ones to be watched very closely, for they are the cents most apt to become spotted and spoiled by corrosion. Cents that have acquired the glossy tones, seldom change and can be relied upon to maintain their beauty indefinitely.

Indian Heads and Lincoln cents are today considered most desirable provided they are in brilliant or uncirculated red condition, but I think they should be considered more desirable when they attain the rich glossy tone large cents have. I have seen some early Indian Heads that are uncirculated and have attained that color, and they are absolutely beautiful, as are the proofs.

The recent and partially successful attempts to clean small cents is a pity for as long as they are kept bright, they will never have a chance to acquire that rich color. It is unfortunate that the collectors still demand their small cents in brilliant or uncirculated red condition.



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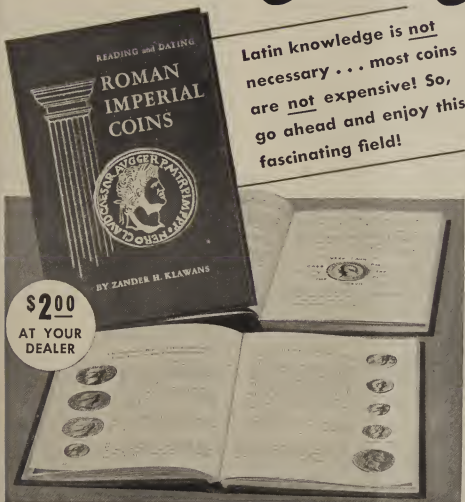
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By CHARLES FRENCH

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## Question:

Kindly tell me the value of a 1913 Canadian penny.

—M. K., District of Columbia

## Answer:

It is worth about 10¢.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Will you please give me any information you can, concerning these two coins? The first is silver and larger than our silver dollar. It is dated 1774; on that side is a wreath with an emblem and crown; under the wreath is the letter A; Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum is lettered around the edge; on the other side is a bust of a man and these words Lud. XV, D. G. Fr. Et. Nav. Rex.

The second is silver and the size of our penny. It is dated 1828; on that side is bust of a man and these

words Georgius IV, Dei Gratia; on the other side is a crown with lion wearing a crown, beneath the crown is a flower design and these words Britanniarum Rex Fidei Defensor.

—Mrs. W. T. R., Ohio

## Answer:

The first coin you have is a silver "Ecu" of Louis XV of France, valued at \$2. The second coin is a silver half crown of George IV of England valued at 50¢.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

All rubbings enclosed are of the same coin or token. It is yellow in color like brass, not best condition. I think this might be a token or play money.

—Mrs. A. K., Wisconsin

## Answer:

The piece you have is not a genuine coin but a brass play piece usually found in a pirate game set for children. It has no value.

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## Answer:

Your first coin is Swiss, second Austro-Hungarian, third Bavarian. None are rare, being valued at 5¢ each

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have a five dollar bill that I would like to inquire about. At the top center of the bill, it says, "National Currency, secured by United States Bonds, deposited with the treasurer of the United States of America."

In the upper left corner next to the 5, is the signature, E. E. Jones, Register of the Treasury. In the upper right corner, next to the 5, is the signature of W. O. Woods, Treasurer of the United States. In the lower left corner next to the 5, is the signature, J. G. Glen, cashier. In the lower right corner next to the 5 is the signature, George H. Hamilton, Governor. To the right of governor, marked out, is "President."

To the left of Lincoln's picture, is "The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, will pay to the bearer on demand \$5.00." To the right is the seal with 5 stamped over it with, "Redeemable in lawful money of the United States at United States Treasury or the bank of issue." To the upper left and lower right of Lincoln's picture is "series of 1929." Bottom center is 5 dollars. The back of the bill is the same as regular five dollar bill.

—H. R. T., Missouri

## Answer:

The bill is not rare, but it is worth a small premium provided it is in crisp new unfolded condition.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Would you please tell me how much my ten cent piece of fractional currency is worth. On the front—American Bank Note Co., N. Y., register John Allison, treasurer, can't make out writing, jumbled. There is a bust of a woman looking towards the right above the picture of the woman it says "Act of March 3, 1863." It looks like a "3" joined together at sides. It says "receivable for all United States stamps. "Ten" is in all four corners with pinkish-red seal overprinted.

On the back "National Bank Note Company, New York," two printed tens at top, two 10 in middle across from each other, color green, cents in two places at bottom, oval in center with this printed in it, "This note is exchangeable for United States notes by the assistant treasurers and designated depositories of the United States in sums not less than three dollars receivable in payment of all dues to the United States less than five dollars, except customs.

—N. M., New Jersey

## Answer:

There are several varieties to your note. From your description it is a ten cent fractional currency note of the 4th issue. In good condition it is worth about 20¢ in fine condition, 50¢ uncirculated or crisp new, about \$1.00.

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**Question:**

The coin is about the size of silver 3c piece, but made of copper. One side has the word "Covills" at top and word "extra" at bottom, two arrows top and bottom pointing at each other, berries between arrows. Circle center filled with brass. Other side has United States of America, E. Pluribus Unum, Eagle with shield. Eagle is similar to the Eagle on reverse of the early type bust quarter dollars, type of 1830, only on a smaller scale. No date.

—F. H., Pennsylvania

**Answer:**

It must be some kind of a token, but I do not recognize the piece. If you will send a pencil rubbing of it perhaps I can do better.

—C. F., New York

**Question:**

Will you please identify the rubbing of this copper coin inclosed and give me an estimate of its value?

—A. L. B., New Jersey

**Answer:**

The piece you have is a medal (most likely bronze) and the Roman date upon it is 1707. I believe it is of Italian origin. Such medals are not usually worth more than \$2.50 at the most.

—C. F., New York

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**Question:**

You may be able to give me a value on the following notes: \$7 bill, Continental Currency, dated May 9, 1776. \$5 note, dated 6-17, 1862. Nine pence note, State of Massachusetts, dated October 16, 1776. U. S. 10c note, "William Meredith," 1876. If you need further information to identify the above notes I shall be glad to furnish it.

—C. B. D., Florida

**Answer:**

The \$7, \$5 and nine pence-notes are worth around \$1.00 each if in fine condition. The 10c Meredith is worth 15c.

—C. F., New York

**NUMISMATIC RAMBLINGS**

By Harry Bosley

A Seattle youth can make silver dollars soar sky high. He used six silver dollars as weights on his kite's tail. They were all he had for weights.

—O—

A collection of a thousand coins started with a single coin.

—O—

Newly minted gold coins have the same color as Palomino horses.

—O—

You can still buy some things for a dollar — pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.

—O—

United States coins of regular issue between 1792 and 1909 did not show a man's portrait. This is quite a contrast to the current coins, being 100% "masculine."

—O—

A man in an Ohio town tried to sell an old building but was unsuccessful. So he started ripping it down and an old tobacco can fell from the building containing about \$400 in gold coins. Perhaps many a bargain is turned down because the "gold" does not show.

—O—

From time to time we read news items about finding hoards of old money. They never give the dates on the coins and without dates, they don't mean a thing to coinists.

—O—

The pine tree shillings were minted for a period of about thirty years without a change in date, (1652) because Charles II disapproved of the issues.

—O—

The penny is the only coin that is worth more nowadays. It is equal to 200 pounds when we drop it into a weighing machine, whereas, twenty-five years ago it was only worth 150 pounds.

—O—

All current coins carry the motto "In God We Trust." This motto might be out of place on the paper dollar, which has lost almost half of its purchasing power since 1939. But, curiously enough, the motto does not appear on the paper dollar.

—O—

The smallest United States coin of

regular issue is the three-cent silver piece. In contrast, this coin has the largest star of any United States coin of regular issue. The star covers most of the obverse of this tiny coin. The coin is sometimes called "fish scale."

—O—

The walking half dollar might be the correct description of the Liberty standing fifty-cent coin. On the obverse, Miss Liberty appears to be taking a brisk walk.

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## AUTOGRAPHS

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Washington, including an outline of his genealogy in his own hand. There are about 350 letters of Thomas Jefferson.

One of the very interesting Revolutionary items is Benedict Arnold's letter to Lord North, petitioning for financial assistance. Arnold reminds Lord North of his services to England and mentions that he received only £6,000 (\$30,000) for his efforts to "... put a fortunate end to the War in America." This letter had been listed many years ago in an English catalog for only thirty pounds (\$150.00). Dr. Rosenbach noticed it and immediately cabled to his brother in London to purchase the letter. Dr. Rosenbach's brother secured the letter and the next day the

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## The Turtle Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



A mechanical bank with an exceptionally recent manufacturing period is the rather exceptional choice to occupy No. 41 in our numerical classification of mechanical banks. The bank is the Turtle Bank and it was made in apparently limited quantities sometime during the period of 1926-1934.

The bank was designed and modeled by M. Elizabeth Cook, an artist and sculptress, and it was manufactured

by the Kilgore Manufacturing Company of Westerville, Ohio. The Kilgore Company's main line was the manufacture of toy cap pistols. However, during 1926 they introduced a series of four mechanical banks, an Owl, a Frog, a Rabbit, and a Turtle, all designed by M. Elizabeth Cook. The first three were apparently made in large quantities and had wide distribution. But the Turtle, for some reason, obviously had limited production and distribution as while the first three are rather common, the Turtle is quite rare.

The four banks each had their own individual name and were called as a group 'The Thrifty Four.' The names of the individual banks were descriptive of the action in each case. Jug-O-Rum, the Frog, opens his mouth as though croaking his name. Blinky, the Owl, blinks his eyes. Flop-Ears, the Rabbit, flops his ears up and down, and Pokey, the Turtle, pokes his head out. Each bank was packed in a cardboard box and on each box was a poem that linked the banks together as a series. As example, the following poem is from the box containing Flop-Ears, the Rabbit:

*"Flop-Ears, the Rabbit, hops around,  
Lifting his ears for every sound,  
He sees Blinky, the Owl, high in an Oak,  
And hears the Frog, Jug-O-Rum croak,  
And wonders if Pokey, the Turtle, so slow,  
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The operation of the bank is quite simple but desirable since a coin is necessary to cause the action. As can be seen in the picture the coin slot is in the top of the shell. When a coin is pressed into this slot the neck and

head of the turtle protrude about a half inch. As the coin drops into the bank the head and neck return to their original position as shown. There is a key-locking coin trap in the base of the bank for removal of coins. The size of the bank is of interest since it is quite small being only 3½ inches long and 3 inches high.

The number of Turtle Banks that have been found so far is very limited and the number known to be in private collections is less than the fingers on one hand. Actually it's a very desirable little mechanical bank although it means more to the advanced collector than the beginner. This, of course, due to the fact that it's not particularly imposing as to appearance or spectacular as to action. It's a hard bank to find and none have turned up in recent years. This in spite of the fact that it has such a late date of manufacture.

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## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

The interest in the saving of rolls of recent issues of uncirculated coins has increased to such an extent in the last few years that one wonders how many millions of current uncirculated coins are being salted away. One also wonders how these millions of uncirculated pieces can ultimately permit any great rarities in these issues. Roll collecting has become such a large part of Numismatics that old timers are astounded at the prices to which recent issues have skyrocketed.

Some issues, only five years old, are going up by leaps and bounds. Take the prices asked in a recent Numismatic ad for the following: Ten dollar (face value) rolls of half dollars, all strictly uncirculated, 1936 San Francisco mint, \$235. 1948 Philadelphia mint, the first year of the Franklin halves \$45.00; 1937 Philadelphia \$37.50; for uncirculated rolls of quarters, \$10 rolls; 1939 Phila. \$55; 1940S \$27.50; And now dimes, 1929 Denver \$5 roll \$85.00; 1950 San Francisco \$95.00; 1949 San Francisco \$125.00; 1951 San Francisco \$85.00; 1936 S \$75.00. Two Dollar rolls of uncirculated nickels—1939D \$150.00; 1939S \$135.00; 1942 Denver \$42.50. Then cents 1935 Denver or San Francisco, 50 cent rolls: \$18.00 each. 1930 Phila. \$10.50.

Profits in these coins are being realized to such an extent that nearly everyone is getting on the band wagon and putting away rolls of uncirculated coins during the year of issue. The mint records showing low coinages are the denominations that everyone scrambles for, the ones that reap profits at present. There are so many roll collectors and speculators today that it seems as if even all of those thousands of coins that have been put away are going to be absorbed and not become a drug on the market as it was hitherto expected.

Perhaps the reason for this is the great increase in coin collectors during the last decade. While there are no statistics upon it, I wouldn't be surprised if their numbers had multiplied tenfold.

America's population has become so large, the number of coin collectors could very possibly become ten times what it is even now. If this should occur, demand for uncirculated coins would be so great as to make today's seemingly high prices,

look small in comparison to tomorrow's prices.

Thinking back to 1936 when the mint issued its first proof sets in many years, a total of around 3400 sets were coined. When 1950 rolled around, we old timers shook our heads at the colossal figure of over 51,000 proof sets! Still today, 1950 proof sets are in great demand and are selling at \$27.50 per set, against an original price of \$2.10! What gives with the current year? Well, through July 8, 1955, the Mint had received orders for 162,773 proof sets for the year of 1955, and compared to the same length of time in 1954, the mint had received orders for 96,166 proof sets. The year 1954 saw the largest number of proof sets ever ordered. This year looks as if it will again hit a new record. Seems like a lot of proof sets doesn't it? But is it when we realize we have a population of more than 165,000,000 people?

It has been announced that the San Francisco Mint is to be closed at the end of the year. Records indicate that S mint dimes for 1955 are a low coinage issue, hence, at present there is a wild scramble to secure these in uncirculated condition, and by the roll by thousands of collectors, so much so that the \$5 rolls of 1955S dimes are being offered at \$7.50 each, an increase over face of 50%. With such demand we wonder if any 1955S dimes will ever get into circulation?

I can never stress enough, the importance of accurate classification of condition in coins. If one becomes a coin collector this exacting detail should be the first to be mastered. A good amount of money can be lost by paying high prices for coins or coin collections that have been grossly overrated.

If, when buying coins, there is any doubt in your mind as to whether a certain piece is in the condition represented, take it to an expert or another experienced collector. He will gladly give you an opinion free of charge. When purchasing a large collection, don't hesitate to have a dealer appraise it for you and give you his written expert opinion. It may cost you \$25 for an expert appraisal, but that sum may save you many hundreds in the long run. Dealers KNOW what to look for.

Be very careful of early rarities, particularly in Colonials, large cents and half cents, some of the electrotypes are so realistic as to fool many an expert. They are sometimes hard to detect. An electrotpe is a copper plated lead piece made as an exact copy of the original rare coin. They are considered by the government to be counterfeits if they are made in imitation of regular United States coinages. I have known of an antique dealer paying \$110 for an electro of the rare 1792 Washington large Eagle half dollar not knowing that it was a fake. Many years ago I purchased a liberty cap 1793 cent from a collector for \$50 that turned out to be an electro; he did not know it either and refunded! A customer of ours recently purchased a collection of half cents from another collector for a high price, only to find that the 1796, 1831, 1852 all very rare dates, were all electros. Those three coins if genuine would have been worth \$700.00 and this is approximately the price he paid for them.

How to detect electrotypes? Sometimes it is easy, other times not. First, an electrotpe never has any lettering or milling on the edges; at least, I never have seen one that did have. Second, sometimes one can detect a fine crack in the middle of the edge running around the coin where the two copper coatings have been pressed together; sometimes this has been eliminated by carefully smoothing off the edges, in any event one usually can see a slight crack, or evidence of light smoothing on the edges of the coin. Third: usually an electrotpe does not ring true. But sometimes their ring is remarkably near an original coin, insofar as the old copper coins do not ring very much anyway. Fourth: Unless an electrotpe has been very heavily plated it usually can be bent with the fingers for the lead inside is soft. The antiquated system of "biting" a coin to test its genuineness might work if the plating is not too thick. Fifth: Scraping the edge with a sharp knife usually will expose the lead under the thin copper plating, however, some electros are so heavily plated that to scrape through might seriously hurt the coin if it turns out to be genuine. That is all I can suggest along the lines of electrotpe detection, and I repeat, electrotypes are found mostly of early American Colonials, large cents



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It has been considered for a good many years impossible to clean cents and do a good job. Recently, however, many new processes have evolved that can bring a dark Indian Head back so that it looks as though it has just come from the mint. Makes a very pretty collection that way but when the coins again tarnish, they never do so with a natural color, usually they turn a blue or purplish hue which is not too attractive. If you do not want cleaned Indian heads or Lincoln stay away from sets that are all beautifully brilliant. How could copper pieces stay that way for eighty or ninety years?

Many experienced collectors do not like brilliant large cents, preferring them to be in their natural state of rich browns, steel colors and the like and they truly are beautiful that way. I wonder when small cent collectors will follow their lead and prefer their coins other than brilliant? Today if an Indian head isn't brilliant many collectors do not consider it uncirculated.

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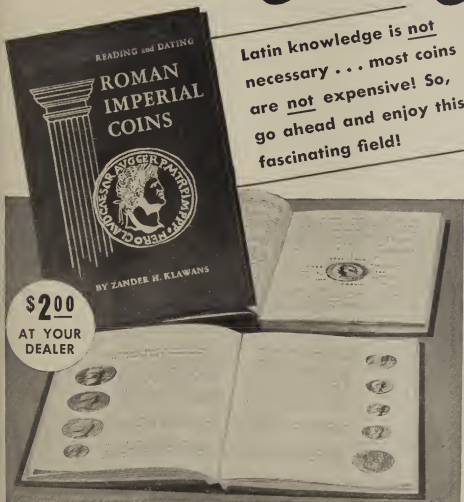
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# QUIZ CORNER

By CHARLES FRENCH

Coin questions answered gratis. If you wish reply by mail, enclose 10c to defray costs. Do not mail us coins in question, please.

## Question:

Please identify and give the value of the following items: R. L. Russell, I.O.U., 12½¢, 1837, silver like metal. Kamehameha, III, Ka. Moi, 1847, on one side Aupuni Hawaii, Hapa Haneri, copper, about uncirculated. Another coin inscribed Tralec To Ab Hip Panis Ob SNSO II. Another similar inscribed Pro Ivs Tae Cav Sal Defb Nsi One 1579. The latter two are copper I and II denomination.

—R. I. B., North Carolina

## Answer:

The first coin you have is a Feuchtwanger token (merchants). The second piece is a copper coin of Hawaiian King Kamehameha III 1847. The third coin seems to be a small bronze 1579 of the style issued in the Balkans, probably Poland. None are of great value.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Is there any value to a \$5 (five dollar) note from Province of Canada, Bank of Clifton, No. 3029 A (written in ink). Dated Sept. 1, 1861. Signed James Brown. Printed, New York Bank Note Co., 50 Wall St. Picture in center, a warrior on horse spearing a dragon, printed in black.

—A. G., Connecticut

## Answer:

It is a Canadian obsolete bank note, and is no longer redeemable. Its value in fine condition would be 25¢.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Each month I read your pages given over to old coins and wonder about my silver dollar. I am sending a rubbing of it in order to see if it has any value as a collectors item. I am a subscriber to HOBBIES of long standing.

—Mrs. A. L. C., Illinois

## Answer:

Your 1798 silver dollar appears to be in very good condition and as such is valued at \$10.00.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

I have a French coin or medal, probably bronze or copper, that I would like to know the value of. Enclosed is a pencil rubbing. The obverse shows a group of soldiers pointing to a woman holding a tablet. Above the scene is inscribed "Pacte Federative" and on either side of the scene is inscribed "Vivre Libres—Ou Mourir." At the bottom is inscribed 14 Juillet. 1790. The date on the reverse is 1792. There are other inscriptions around the edge of the coin. Enclosed also is a Roman coin with a portrait of Constantine II on it,

in pencil rubbing. What type of coin is it and what is its value?

—G. E. H., New York

## Answer:

The medal is worth around \$2.50. The other coin is known as a small Bronze of Constantine II of Ancient Rome. Its value is about 25¢.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Will you please give me your estimate of the value of the following silver coin: On one side is a bust below which are the letters RX and circled around the top of the bust are the words "Georg Carol D.G. EP. WIRCS.R.IPR.FROR.DUC." On the other side is a coat of arms with the letter M on each side, above the coat of arms are the words "Pro Patria" and below are the words "X Eine Feing March 1795." The edge of the coin is engraved. The coin is in very fine condition. It is the size of our silver dollar.

—I. T., Iowa

## Answer:

The thaler is worth about \$1.50.

—C. F., New York

## Question:

Please identify and give the value of the coins shown on reverse. Also, what is the value of an 1868 two-cent piece in "good" condition?

—E. F., Pennsylvania

## Answer:

The 1868 2¢ piece in good condition is worth 25¢; your 1a is of the Netherlands Indies and in poor condition, is worth 5¢; the reverse has its legend in a foreign language only. 11a is a half penny token of Ireland, valued at 5¢; the 111a is an English token also used in Canada during the early part of the 19th century. All of these coins are in such bad condition as to be worth very little, probably 5¢ each.

—C. F., New York

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## Question:

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of these pieces are of some value. Also, would you tell me if buying sets each year and sending for mint sets is worthwhile? What would one do to get rolls of coins for particular years, and where could one obtain them? Would it be possible to buy rolls of particular mints from previous years at their face value? Moreover, is a 1920-D quarter in very good condition of any value?

—M. B., Iowa

**Answer:**  
The 1914 P half in extremely fine condition should be worth \$5. to any dealer. The 1926S nickel in extremely fine condition about \$2.50; the 1920D quarter in VG condition about \$1.00.

If we use the past as a criterion, it certainly has been profitable to purchase proof sets and uncirculated year sets. For instance, a 1950 proof set cost \$2.10 in 1950 now sells for \$22.50. As to rolls of coins, they do not all rise in price but think of an uncirculated roll of 1949S dimes which has a face value of \$5, now selling for over \$75! Better than interest in a bank! Mint sets have not responded quite as well but are

on the up in value lately. Proof sets are obtainable by writing the Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., cost \$2.10 per set. Mint sets obtained by writing Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for year sets. These, however, are only available between January 1 and April 1 each year for previous year. There are dealers that specialize in supplying rolls of coins and they usually can be secured from the branch mints from them at say a 20% premium, uncirculated of course.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

I have a coin which I have been unable to identify. In size and shape the piece resembles a copper one-cent coin. It is in excellent condition and the markings on it are easily discernible. The coin bears no mint mark or denomination. On the front is the bust of a Revolutionary gentleman reposing on two crossed flags. His head is encircled by thirteen stars. This side also bears the date 1863. The reverse side of the coin shows two clasped hands encircled by a wreath. Above the hands is the word "Peace" and below the word "Forever." On the left-hand cuff is the word "South" and on the right-hand cuff the word "North." Since this description may be inadequate I will try to make a pencil impression of the piece. I would greatly appreciate a prompt reply to this letter as my curiosity is highly aroused.

—M. M., New York

### Answer:

Your coin is a Civil War token, one of the many varieties that were issued to allay the shortage of small change during the Civil War, by merchants. Its value is 10¢.

—C. F., New York

### Question:

Will you please tell me the value of a large one cent piece 1 1/4" in diameter and, as near as I can tell, dated 1817. It has the lady's head and 13 stars on one side and wreath on the other with U.S. of America. Also small silver 5¢ U. S. piece smaller than a dime dated 1855, 13 stars, odd looking liberty head, and eagle on it, also E. Pluribus Unum. Also a copper piece about 3/4" in diameter with DIX in center with wording, "Anybody attempting to tear it down, shoot him on the spot." Has 13 stars on one side. The Flag of our Union. Picture of Flag. Date 186—. And has small hole in edge. A Thomas Jefferson nickel, Monticello. A 2¢ piece, 1896. A farthing 1917. A 5¢ piece 1867. A 2¢ piece 1861. A 1¢ piece 1869. I would appreciate knowing the value of these pieces.

—F. K., Pennsylvania

### Answer:

The 1817 large cent in good condition is worth 15¢; the 1835 half dime 15¢; the Dix or Civil War to-

ken, if it has a hole in it, has no value. The two cent piece must be dated 1866 not 1896 as they were not coined that year, its value is 15¢; 5¢ 1867 25 cents; cent 1869 \$1.00. There were no 2¢ pieces coined in 1861 and the farthing is practically valueless.

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## The Camera Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The Camera Bank, No. 42, in our numerical classification of mechanical banks, is an intriguing item with a definite greater appeal to the advanced collector and, like the American Bank, represents a specific object. Also, like the American Bank, it is a border-line case between semi-mechanical and mechanical since in the strictest sense it is a semi-mechanical bank.

To the best of the writer's knowledge the designer of the Camera Bank is not known and apparently it was never patented since no patent papers have been found that would cover the bank. The manufacturer is known, however, as the bank was made by the Wrightsville Hardware Company of Mount Joy, Pa. There is a bit of folklore surrounding the Camera Bank that has to do with the Eastman Company and their direct effect on the Camera Bank being taken off the market due to the use

of the word "Camera." The same type story is told of a Stevens' still bank that was called the Kodak Bank. How much truth exists in either case has, to the best of the writer's knowledge, never been proven. In any event, it's a harmless story, true or not, and has to do with George Eastman manufacturing and using the word "Camera" and then later on adopting the name "Kodak" for his product. The alleged stoppage of the manufacture of the Camera Bank by Eastman is suggested as one reason for its rarity today.

The bank shown was obtained by the writer through the good help of David Hollander, Riverdale, New York City. It is from the famous Walter Chrysler collection which had been in storage for seventeen years. Mr. Hollander, who is handling the disposal of the complete collection, has been involved in this in recent months and, of course, some very desirable mechanical banks have thus come on the market. The Camera Bank is one of the rare, desirable, items from the Chrysler collection and it is in excellent original condition. The camera itself is a bronze gold typical of paint and the tri-legged base is painted black. The bellows section of the camera is a pale greenish color. The picture is a vari-colored item of a small boy holding a mask in his hand. The word "Camera" appears on the rear section of the bank just in front of the picture and the word "Bank" is on the front section. Both words are cast in simple raised letters.

As to the action of the bank, it is extremely simple. By depressing and releasing the lever, located in the left rear corner of the camera, the picture is caused to pop up and then down. The picture is in a small cast iron frame that moves up and down, however, the frame cannot be pulled out of the bank itself. The coin slot is located across the rear part of the bank between the picture and the word "Camera." Coins can be dropped into this slot at will and have no connection whatever with the action. In this respect it is exactly like the American Bank, and in the strictest definition is a semi-mechanical bank. But again, as in the case of the American Bank, the writer is not prone to try to change this as tradition has for some time established the Camera Bank as a mechanical bank. It's quite a desirable little item and the action, while not spectacular, is very appropriate and offers an all-around attractive bank.

Since the Camera Bank is of rather small size its dimensions are of interest. It is four inches high overall and the camera itself is four inches long and two inches wide. Coins are removed by unscrewing the tripod base from the camera itself. In so doing the camera section comes apart since the screw part of the tripod base holds the bank together.

On numbers of occasions and in various accounts the Camera Bank and the American Bank have been represented as having the mechanical action coordinated with the insertion of the coin. Of course this is not true and apparently the motive has been to make them more desirable and more truly mechanical banks. This is completely unnecessary as each is well established on its own just the way they originally and actually were made.

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## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

During the decay of the Ancient Roman Empire, coins of its regime debased to such an extent that they were no more than token representations of their predecessors. Silver Denarii, gradually degraded until their successor, the Antoniniani, was nothing more than a copper coin that had been silver plated. Byzantine silver coins were not much better.

Coins, until the first part of the twentieth century were, for the most part, considered worth their actual metallic value in silver and gold. The only token coinages were of copper. As the good will of the nation issuing coins was not considered as a backing for the face value as it is today, coins were only accepted in trade for their actual metallic value. Amount of wear, whether they had become clipped, mutilated, sweated, or shaken in a bag were determining factors. The fact that a piece of silver or gold of a certain given size, fineness and weight, regardless of what country it originally came from, was little considered, as long as it was known to be of the proper fineness. Consequently many foreign coins of all nations were found circulating freely everywhere. It was not uncommon for a merchant to have gold doubloons, ducats, guineas; silver pieces of eight, crowns, and thalers, all together in his money chest. The actual silver and gold content was the determining factor of value. In America foreign pieces passed freely, even if very badly worn until 1857-8 when all outstanding ones were redeemed in exchange for the flying eagle cents of those years.

During the Dark Ages, an attempt was made in some sections to keep coins up to a stable value by redeeming all worn ones after three years, outlawing those that were not redeemed, and replacing those redeemed with new coins. This practice did not last long, however.

This brings to your attention the great importance to Numismatics, that coin weights and scales have been for many centuries. Every banker, counting house, merchant, and even sea captains were required to have on hand an adequate set of these coin weights and scales. For every transaction required the weighing of at least some of the coins tendered in payment.

To simplify this task and due to the great illiteracy of the times, the coin weights were designed with re-

productions of the coins they were intended to represent. They are today an extremely interesting part of Numismatics, and in the past have shed light on coins that, today are unknown. I refer to a coin weight that is known representing an English Quarter Angel, such a coin is unknown. These weights and scales were usually kept in an ornately designed box of some kind of fine wood, with draws or trays to hold the weights. Such sets sometimes had as many as forty weights in them, and then of course the scales. Each weight having upon it the design of a different coin. During the eighteenth century, sets became more simplified and the tendency to place the replica of the coin upon the weights was gradually replaced with markings to indicate what they were supposed to represent, such as Gold Louis, Pistole, etc. Then after the beginning of the nineteenth century, weights became marked in grains, ounces, etc. The last coins that contained their full value in metallic content issued by the United States and that required weighing if they appeared to be light were the gold pieces finally discontinued in 1933. Since then the use of coin weights for coins has become obsolete. Our coinage is strictly token today.

In early times, weights were not always honest. It was not uncommon for unscrupulous merchants to have two sets, a "heavy" used when taking coins in, and a "light" when passing coins out. The earliest attempt I know of to end this evil was an edict passed by King John of England A.D., 1205, attempting to regulate the manufacture of coin weights. This edict, was followed during the next several centuries with additions and corrections. For a while only designated parties were permitted to manufacture official coin weights. This practice had to be discontinued because too many of the authorized parties were prone to make improper weights. The task of making proper weights finally fell into the hands of the government, and its mints were the official issuers of such weights. Records indicate that such sets of weights could be purchased at from 15d to 18d per set. The most interesting and fanciest coin weight sets I have seen are those made by the Dutch, during the seventeenth century. Made of wood, with hand engraving and embossed leather, these cases had trays filled with

the old coin weights, artistically designed with replicas of the coins they represented. Scales, the balance type, did not seem to change in design much for two or three centuries. During the latter part of the nineteenth century, special patented designs of counterbalance scales were made for specific coins such as sovereigns and half sovereigns or twenty dollar, ten dollar, five dollar gold pieces that required no weights.

Very little has been written, and very little is known about the rarity of such weights. I understand, that the ones without the coins design upon them usually are available at 75c to \$1. each, but that the others with reproductions of the coins are liable to be quite rare and valuable. Complete sets in their original boxes, would be very valuable and museum pieces, particularly the very earliest. I have seen sets that were made in Holland, Germany, France, Belgium, and separate weights from England, Italian states, and a few Oriental pieces, the origin of which is unknown to me. Square weights were discontinued in England during the reign of Charles II and from then on England only issued round ones. The last from England was issued during Victoria's reign in 1843.

If anyone can shed more light upon this interesting subject I wish they would contact me so that we can compare notes.

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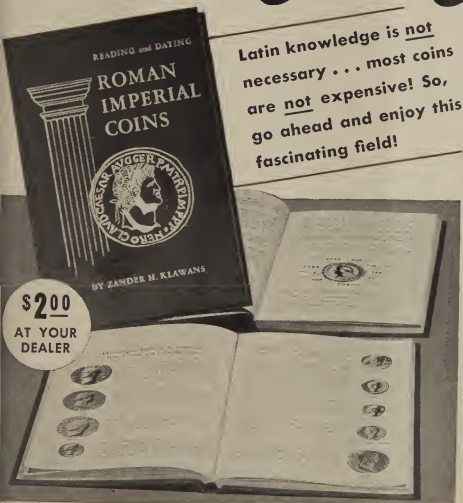
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1895-S Choice	A. U.	24.00	1906 Bril	Unc	27.50	1911-D	Unc	25.00
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1897-S	Unc	25.00	1906	Unc	27.50	1912	E. F.	25.00
1897-S Choice	A. U.	22.50	1906-S	Unc	30.00	1912-S Scarce	E. F.	21.00
1897-O Bril.	A. U.	32.50	1906-S	A. U.	22.50	1913	A. U.	20.00
1898	U.V.F.	27.50	1906-O Bril	A. U.	23.00	1913-S	A. U.	20.00
1898	A. U.	22.50	1906-O Bril	A. U.	25.00	1914	A. U.	20.00
1899 Bril	Unc	25.00	1906-D	Unc	25.00	1914-S	A. U.	20.00
1899 Bril	A. U.	22.50	1907 Bril Microscopic edg dent rev	Pr	125.00	1914-D	Unc	25.00
1899	E. F.	20.00	1907 Bril	Unc	25.00	1915	Unc	25.00
1899-S Bril	Unc	27.50	1907	A. U.	22.00	1915 R M/L	A. U.	22.50
1899-S Bril	A. U.	22.50	1907-D	Unc	27.50	1916-S	Unc	25.00
1899-O	A. U.	27.50	1907-S Scarce	Unc	27.50	1926	Unc	30.00
1900	Unc	27.50	1907 St. Gaudens Scarce	Unc	27.50	1932	Unc	32.50
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\$ 2.50 As above		125.00	Ex. Rare so choice.		
\$ 2.00 Mormon. Lion & Beehive variety.	Beautiful unc. coin. Very rare so		\$ 5.00 1849 E.P. all lettering and design	sharp.	
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1795	V.F.	45.00	1824	E.P.	5.00	1834 Lg. date, sm. stars & let.	A. U.	3.50
1801	Rare VG-P.	30.00	1825	Pract. Unc	A. U.	5.00	1835 Sharp	Unc
1802 Light line across obv. Apparently a	planchet defect. Not a scratch	V.F.	1825	E.F.	3.50	1835	E.F.	3.50
1803 Lg. 3	V.F.	15.00	1825	Unc	7.00	1835	V.F.	2.00
1806 Sm. 5	E.F.	25.00	1826	E.F.	4.00	1836 Lettered edge	Unc	6.00
1806 Sm. 5	V.F.	17.50	1827	Dark	Unc	1836 Lettered edge	E.F.	3.00
1806 B3a. Unc. record - 4250. Narrow	edges. Beautiful blue color.		1827	Unc	7.00	1836 Lettered edge	V.P.	2.00
Rev. part of feathers on eagles	r. wing not in date	Pr.	1828	Dark	Unc	1836 Lettered edge	E.F.	45.00
1806 Light cab. fric. Sm. stars. Round	top, re-cut 6 in shade	Unc	1829 21 Rare variety	E.P.	12.50	1836 Milled edge. Scarce	V.F.	30.00
1806 Pointed 6. Some M/L. Rare.	choice	35.00	1829 21 Rare variety	E.P.	5.00	1837	V.F.	4.00
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1806 Pointed 6	Fine	22.50	1829 21 Rare variety	A. U.	4.50	1838 Bust type. Choice. M/L. Rare	A. U.	50.00
1807 Slight cab. fric. 1st type. Facing	r. turning blue at edges. Rare	35.00	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	12.50	1839 No drapery. Lib. seated. Choice	A. U.	35.50
no choice			1829 21 Rare variety	E.P.	3.50	1839 Drapery from elbow. Scarce	E.F.	5.00
1807 Facing left. Blil. Sm. eagle rev.	2nd type. Sm. stars	Unc	1829 21 Rare variety	V.F.	5.00	1840	E.F.	5.00
1807 P	V.F.	7.00	1829 21 Rare variety	A. U.	4.00	1840-O	Unc	5.00
1808 Die break thru date	Unc	18.50	1829 21 Rare variety	E.P.	2.50	1841-O Not in Beistle. Has die break	from eagles left claw to rim be-	
1808 Sharp	Unc	17.50	1829 21 Rare variety	A. U.	7.50	1841-O Recut 1, 8 & 4. Cut too high	then cut lower. B3c. Ex. rare.	
1810 Sm. date	Unc	12.50	1829 21 Rare variety	A. U.	6.00	1842 8 and 4 recut	Unc	4.00
1811 Sm. 8 & wide date	A. U.	10.00	1829 21 Rare variety	E.P.	3.50	1843	Unc	15.00
1811 Stars at left weak	E.F.	17.50	1829 21 Rare variety	A. U.	5.00	1844-O Recut 1, 8 & 4. Cut too high	then cut lower. B3c. Ex. rare.	
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1820 19 Scarce	V.P.	9.00	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	5.00			
1820 Pract. Unc.	A. U.	7.50	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	5.00			
1821	E.F.	8.50	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	5.00			
1822	Unc	7.50	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	5.00			
1823 M/L	Unc	6.00	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	5.00			
1823	Unc	7.50	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	5.00			
1823	V.P.	3.50	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	5.00			
1824	Unc	7.50	1829 21 Rare variety	Unc	5.00			

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## Question:

I have several coins I would like to know the value of. (I) Hand-struck coin of Bremen dated 1752, inscription on obverse: "Rom. Imp. S. A. Francis I." on reverse: "Mdn, Nov, Reip, Brem. 1752." Good condition for date. I believe it is struck on copper. (II) Copper penny of Great Britain, dated 1725. (III) Silver shilling of Great Britain dated 1708, inscription obverse: "Anna Del-Sratia." E under queen. Inscription on reverse: "Mas, Bri, Fr, Et, Hib. Res. 1708" good condition for date. (IV) 1795 Spade guinea of Great Britain, extra fine condition for date. (V) 1799 Copper Farthing of Great

Britain, almost fine condition. (VI) 1805 Bank token of Ireland, ten pence, good condition. (VII) 1847 one gulden piece of Netherlands, silver, excellent condition. (VIII) 1871 one cent of Prince Edward Island. (IX) 1855 six Thaler of Saxony. (X) 1929, 1948, 1949, ten Fr of France, silver. (X) 1837 one half penny Bank token of Canada (XI) 1844 one half penny Bank token, Bank of Montreal, (XII) 1850 one half cent, 1854 one half cent, 1854 one cent, of the Bank of Canada. (XIII) 1927 Commemorative cent of Canada. (XIV) 1858 Austrian Empire, inscription on obverse: "Francois I.D.G. Austria E. Imperator"; reverse, "Salud, III, Rex A. A. 1858 Hung. Boh. Lomb. E. T. Ven. 1/4 F. I."

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We also have a \$2.00 bill, series of 1928-G, No. E06877462A. It is fairly crisp, has been folded only a few times. What value does it have?

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—C. F., New York

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—C. F., New York

## Question:

Would appreciate knowing value of these coins: F. "three cent" one side, star; other side 1851; K. G. "half cent" one side Liberty, other side 1804; G. "Quarter" Eagle one side, Liberty other side 1853 and 13 stars W. one side "N. England-Andon" center has 1652 with XII below, other side "Masathvets In" center looks like tree of life with dots around it; G. one side Liberty 1805 Kettle and 13 stars, other side United States of America with Eagle in center with 13 stars above it. (Could this be gold? Has a brass cast now?)

—Mrs. F. T. B., Florida

## Answer:

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**#118 FORRESTER.** DOBENS, Amory (Amy), widow of James (?) Forrester, Essex Co., Va., d. after 1774. Des. ances & m. date & place. See #1131

**#119 GRAYSON.** Des. ances, m. date & place of Barbara, wife of John Grayson, (son of Ambrose) living Spotsylvania, 1750, d. Montgomery Co., Va. 1800. See #1131

**#120 HUNTER-CRAWFORD-MOTT.** Des. ances, & m. date & place of Frances, Northumberland Co., Va. 1728. See #1131

**#121 JAMES.** Des. (widow of John James, d. Spotsylvania, Va. 1726) possibly Gloucester or Lancaster Va. Des. ances & marriage date and place. See #1131

**#122 SMYTH.** Des. ances & m. date & place of Elizabeth, widow of Henry Smyth Henry Smyth, d. 1684 Old Pappahannock, Va. See #1131

**#123 SMYTH.** Des. ances & m. date & place of Clara Saunders, wife of Wm. Sale (d. Amherst Co., Va. 1778), originally from Caroline or Essex Co. See #1131

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#1126 ARNOLD. Des. ances. Edward Arnold d. 1752 Chowan Co., N. C. See #1131

#1127 DOBYNS. Des. ances. Daniel B. Dobyns of Mildenhall, Sussex, England; d. Richmond Co., Va. 1716. See #1131

#1128 GRAYSON. Des. ances. Ambrose Grayson d. Culpeper Co., Va. 1748. See #1131

#1129 KING. Des. ances. Michael King, b. Norwich, Eng. c. 1723; d. Nansemond Co., Va., 1700. See #1131

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